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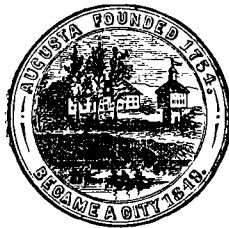
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TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Auditor of the City of Augusta,
FOR THE
MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 19TH, 1870,
WITH THE
MAYOR'S ADDRESS,
REPORT OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
AND
REPORTS OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS, ORGANIZATION OF
THE CITY GOVERNMENT, AND JOINT STANDING
COMMITTEES OF 1870.



AUGUSTA :
WICKERY'S JOB PRINTING OFFICE, No. 150 WATER STREET.
1870.

CITY OF AUGUSTA.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, March 26, 1870.

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the Twentieth Annual Report of the Auditor of the City of Augusta for the Municipal year ending March 19, 1870, with the Mayor's Address, and the Report of the Superintending School Committee, and Reports of the several Departments, and Joint Standing Committees of 1870, be printed for the use of the City Council and for general distribution, and that the City Auditor cause the same to be done.

Read and passed. Sent down for concurrence.

Attest: S. P. PLUMMER, *City Clerk*.

IN COMMON COUNCIL, March 26, 1870.

Read and passed in concurrence.

Attest: LEVI PAGE, *Clerk*.

A true copy—Attest: S. P. PLUMMER, *City Clerk*.

CITY AUDITOR'S REPORT

For the year ending March 19, 1870.

*To the Honorable the Mayor, Aldermen and
Common Council of the City of Augusta :*

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor herewith to submit
the Twentieth Annual Financial Report of the City of
Augusta:

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED.

State Tax,	\$17,232 82	
County Tax,	4,607 67	
	<hr/>	\$21,840 49
Schools,	7,609 00	
Printing,	250 00	
Snow Bills,	1,000 00	
Fire Department,	4,000 00	
New Streets,	500 00	
Poor,	5,000 00	
City Officers,	3,500 00	
Police Department,	2,500 00	
Discounts,	3,200 00	
Abatements,	2,500 00	
Interest,	22,000 00	
City Debt,	2,650 00	
Contingent,	5,500 00	
Highways,	8,000 00	
	<hr/>	68,209 00
Fractional Overlay,		4,558 05
Supplementary Taxes,		927 56
		<hr/>
		\$95,535 10

Whole number of Polls, 1649 ; Poll tax, \$3.00.

Amount of Real Estate to Resident owners, \$2,317,700

“ Personal Estate to Resident owners, 1,550,909

“ Real Estate to Non-resident owners, 377,232

“ Personal Estate to non-resident owners, 40,082

\$4,285,923

Rate per cent., 20.9 mills, or \$2.09 on \$100.

STATE TAX.

DR.

For paid balance of tax of 1868, \$9,562 00

“ toward tax of 1869, 2,420 67

For balance of 1869, unpaid, credited con-
tingent account, 14,812 15

\$26,794 82

CR.

By appropriation, 1869, 17,232 82

By balance of 1868, paid, 9,562 00

26,794 82

COUNTY TAX.

DR.

For paid tax of 1869, 4,607 67

CR.

By appropriation, 4,607 67

VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

DR.

For amount drawn 1869, 10,746 54

For abatement on account, 1868, 241 44

For balance undrawn, credited contingent acct., 2,346 46

13,334 44

CR.

By undrawn balance of 1868, 1,376 92

By cash of Directors, 1,648 88

By amount of appropriation of 1869, 3,620 14

By Village District taxes of 1869, 6,552 46

By Village District supplementary, 1869, 136 04

\$13,334 44

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

	Cr.	Drawn.	Undrawn.
District No. 1,	\$332 27	\$118 24	\$214 03
" 2,	184 50	111 49	73 01
" 3,	158 50	156 60	1,90
" 4,	143 14	127 87	15 27
" 7,	66 11	51 20	14 91
" 8,	191 45	167 97	23 48
" 10,	180 52	171 93	8 59
" 11,	141 12	141 04	08
" 12,	177 12	134 12	43 00
" 13,	80 35	76 19	4 16
" 14,	157 36	127 38	29 98
" 16,	111 56	95 90	15 66
" 17,	211 97	193 41	18 56
" 18,	140 41	131 20	9 21
" 19,	121 92	121 92	—
" 20,	658 34	600 62	57 72
" 21,	140 03	125 58	14 45
" 22,	130 06	128 97	1 09
" 23,	141 51	135 11	6 40
" 24,	107 06	104 94	2 12
" 25,	48 16	19 00	29 16
" 26,	636 44	470 80	165 64
" 27,	137 17	120 33	16 84
	<u>\$4,397 07</u>	<u>\$3,631 81</u>	<u>\$765 26</u>

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

BUILDING AND REPAIRS.

	Cr.	Drawn.	Undrawn	Overdrawn.
District No. 10,	\$8 74	\$9 81	—	\$1 07
" 11,	—	2 31	—	2 31
" 14,	464 67	412 00	\$52 67	—
" 16,	46 17	45 70	47	—
" 17,	280 93	270 22	10 70	—
" 19,	3 42	2 00	1 42	—
" 20,	526 35	517 15	—	44 80
	<u>\$1,330 28</u>	<u>\$1,313 19</u>	<u>\$65 27</u>	<u>\$48 18</u>

Balance due districts, credited contingent,

\$782 35

 PRINTING.

DR.

For amount of bills paid, per warrants Nos.		
43, 77, 184, 235, 337, and 343,		\$288 77

CR.

By appropriation,	\$250 00	
By amount overdrawn, charged contingent,	38 77	
	<hr/>	288 77

 SNOW BILLS.

DR.

For paid bills of 1869-70, per warrants Nos.		
250, 257 and 284,	1,359 50	
For paid bills of 1868, per warrants Nos.		
46, 74, 107, 108, 109 and 110,	130 07	
	<hr/>	1,489 57

CR.

By appropriation,	1,000 00	
By overdrawn, charged contingent,	489 57	
	<hr/>	1,489 57

 FIRE DEPARTMENT.

DR.

For amount paid Wm. A. Springer,	\$110 00
A. A. Nichols,	19 30
F. Moorten,	137 70
Geo. Flagg,	12 00
Edwin Ladd,	12 00
P. O. Vickery,	62 75
Atlantic Engine Company,	795 00
Cushnoc " "	405 00
Pacific " "	795 00
Wm. D. Dixon,	550 00
Fuller & Winter,	1 60
Parrott & Bradbury,	23 58
Whitehouse & Gould,	9 93
Hutchins, Allen & Co.,	5 82

FIRE DEPARTMENT—CONTINUED.

For amount paid J. A. Mitchell,	83 50	
John N. Clifford,	1 72	
Ballard & Chase,	58 24	
Addison D. Packard,	37 35	
Chas. K. Partridge,	60 89	
J. C. Reynolds,	5 00	
Norcross & Woodbury,	24 00	
A. D. Townsend,	2 50	
J. D. Pierce & Son,	5 82	
S. S. Goodrich,	31 92	
Percival, Plummer & Co.,	6 00	
W. A. Swan,	16 50	
C. W. Safford & Son,	27 25	
Richards & Hall,	1 00	
Colburn & Faught,	3 04	
James I. Plummer,	11 00	
Sprague, Owen & Nash,	1 25	
Evander Brown,	1 50	
J. C. Boynton,	39 00	
J. F. Arnold,	3 00	
S. S. Farnham,	2 50	
Deering & Holway,	154 34	
Sawtelle & Ward,	1 70	
A. Sawtelle,	1 75	
Chas. E. Coller,	29 16	
J. S. & F. E. Johnson,	2 30	
	<u>\$3,551 91</u>	
Balance credited contingent,	448 09	
	<u> </u>	\$4,000 00
	CR.	
By appropriation,		4,000 00

NEW STREETS.

	DR.	
For paid bills, per warrant No. 127, to		
J. E. Ward,	\$140 00	
Balance credited contingent,	610 00	
	<u> </u>	750 00

NEW STREETS—CONTINUED.

CR.

By appropriation,	500 00	
By extra appropriation by City Council,	250 00	
		750 00

HIGHWAYS.

For paid Jerry Hardy, warrant No. 8,		\$3 00
Patrick Scanlon, warrant No. 7,		75
John E. Ward, per warrant No. 23,	\$300 00	
“ “ “ 26,	300 00	
“ “ “ 55,	2,500 00	
“ “ “ 122,	900 00	
“ “ “ 188,	500 00	
“ “ “ 216,	250 00	
“ “ “ 288,	308 80	
		5,058 80
Loton Griffith, per warrant No. 24,	500 00	
“ “ “ 54,	1,500 00	
“ “ “ 128,	1,000 00	
“ “ “ 135,	1,000 00	
“ “ “ 137,	1,000 00	
“ “ “ 282,	250 00	
“ “ “ 358,	159 95	
		5,409 95
Z. P. Fletcher, per warrant No. 171,	9 50	
Collins Howe, “ “ 170,	9 16	
James Young, “ “ 172,	1 05	
Wm. A. Swan, “ “ 299,	84 29	
Frank White, “ “ 295 & 409,	19 50	
Nath'l Noyes, “ “ 296,	73 12	
A. B. Stone, “ “ 290 & 406,	19 50	
Merrill S. Buck, “ “ 289 & 405,	18 00	
Norcross & Woodbury, “ 331,	2 35	
S. S. Brooks, “ 298,	50 67	
C. W. Safford & Son, “ 297,	21 81	
Judah A. Chadwick, “ 291,	4 50	
James Lynn, “ 292 & 395,	34 50	
Ziba Hanks, “ 287,	5 75	

HIGHWAYS—CONTINUED.

For paid Jos. H. Ellis, warrants Nos. 293 & 407,	34	50	
Geo. A. Parks,	" 294 & 408,	34	50
H. A. Case,	" 301,	8	00
Lancey & Smith,	" 344,	159	61
James Savage,	" 260,	5	00
Laureston Guild,	" 300,	5	10
Jacob Merrill,	" 289,	1	50
			<u>602 00</u>
			<u>\$11,074 50</u>
CR.			
By appropriation,		\$8,000	00
Extra appropriation,		2,250	00
Cash of Loton Griffith, St. Com'r W. D.,		134	00
" John E. Ward, do. E. D.,		91	34
do. for oxen,		250	00
			<u>10,725 34</u>
Balance charged contingent,		349	16
			<u>\$11,074 50</u>

POOR.

DR.			
For paid L. Waldron,	.	.	\$30.00
G. R. Porter, Sup't Alms House,		1,496	71
Margaret Murphy,	.	16	50
Jas. S. Burdin,	.	157	50
T. Fuller & Son,	.	1,090	17
Town of Mt. Vernon,	.	18	50
" Fayette,	.	20	80
" Monmouth,	.	43	54
" Maysville,	.	49	11
" Vienna,	.	12	17
City of Lewiston,	.	21	75
City of Hallowell,	.	11	12
Susan E. Scott,	.	6	50
Isaac A. Carr,	.	65	00
Crockett Brothers,	.	41	32
Samuel Burbank,	.	100	00

POOR—CONTINUED.

For paid Percival & Plummer,	.	.	892 01
S. P. Plummer,	.	.	166 11
Lewis Tibbetts,	.	.	23 00
L. B. Hamlin,	.	.	42 53
A. Sawtelle,	.	.	16 31
Sawtelle & Ward,	.	.	42 50
John Lawrence,	.	.	20 95
Frank Hamlin,	.	.	50 00
Levi Foye,	.	.	110 50
Geo. F. Hawes,	.	.	7 00
C. R. & H. U. Wells, (\$4 transferred from contingent, }			10 00
Insane Hospital,	.	.	1,123 06
Harrison Hanson,			374 00
Charles E. Collier,	.	.	37 00
O. C. Whitehouse & Co.,	.	.	15 09
F. L. Earrington,	.	.	25 00
Parrott & Bradbury,	.	.	149 49
Nathan Graham,	.	.	165 63
Russel Eaton,	.	.	141 12
Allen, Small & Co.,	.	.	2 00
Charles E. Town,	.	.	6 00
John Cates,	.	.	22 92
Fowler, Hamlin & Smith,	.	.	10 00
Nason & Hamlin	.	.	14 04
B. Libby & Co.,	.	.	3 54
Richards & Hall,	.	.	34 00
Parker & Packard,	.	.	12 00
Robert A. Cony,	.	.	14 25
Dr. W. S. Hill, (tran. from contingent,)	.	.	50 00
J. B. Pinkham,			100 00
			<hr/>
			6,861 71

CR.

By appropriation,	.	.	\$5,000 00
Cash of Town of Mercer,	.	.	49 85
Belgrade,	.	.	67 91
Waterville,	.	.	21 17
Rome,	.	.	4 50

POOR—CONTINUED.

Cash of Town of Chelsea,	.	5 00	
Whitefield,	.	17 51	
Mexico,		6 00	
Troy,	.	20 08	
Lincoln,	.	10 81	
Manchester,	.	3 78	
New Sharon,	.	20 00	
City of Bangor,	.	87 73	
Gardiner,		2 50	
Heirs of Wm. Hume,		111 00	
Marritt Anderson,	.	100 00	
Mrs. Walcott,	.	83 78	
Estate of Eph. Ballard,		13 19	
T. Fuller, for Oxen,	.	200 00	
Highway labor of farm team,	.	153 97	
			5,978 79
By balance charged contingent,			882 92
			<u>6,861 71</u>

CITY OFFICERS.

DR.

For paid Samuel Titcomb, Mayor,	.	\$300 00
Joseph Noble, City Clerk,		300 00
Levi Page, Clerk of Common Council,		75 00
Charles W. Safford, Auditor, 1868,		50 00
Wm. P. Whitehouse, City Solicitor,		60 00
Jos. W. Patterson, Assessor,		455 20
Same, City Engineer,		35 00
John Arnold, Assessor,		135 00
Joshua S. Turner, Assessor,		280 00
W. S. Hill, City Physician,	.	100 00
John E. Ward, Street Com'r, East. Dist.,		200 00
Loton Griffith, " " West. "		200 00
P. O. Vickery, Chief Engineer Fire } Department, }		100 00
Daniel Herrin, 1st Asst. do.,		50 00
Hiram Ellis, 2d Asst. do.,		50 00
Thomas Fuller, Overseer of the Poor,		75 00
Thomas Little, City Treas. and Col.,		1,000 00

CITY OFFICERS—CONTINUED.

For paid Samuel Upjohn, Sup. School Com.,	44 00	
Samuel Gill, Clerk, Ward 6,	3 00	
Samuel H. Parsons, Clerk, Ward 5,	3 00	
B. S. Farnham, " " 4,	3 00	
Lewis Selbing, " " 2,	4 50	
Jos. F. Gannett, " " 5,	1 50	
Charles Lothrop, " " 1,	4 50	
G. P. Cochrane, Sup. Sch. Com. of 1868,	94 50	
Samuel W. Lane, " " "	115 00	
Same, " " 1869,	22 50	
E. B. Thorn, Assessor of 1868,	14 00	
Artemas Libbey, " " "	77 75	
C. W. Safford, Clerk to Assessors of } 1868, a new office, since abolished, }	80 00	
		3,932 45
Cr.		
By appropriation, . . .	3,500 00	
Balance charged Contingent, . . .	432 45	
		3,932 45

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Dr.

To paid Charles H. McLaughlin, 1868, .	\$32 00
Franklin Fly, 1868, .	32 00
Thomas J. Rankins, 1868, .	32 00
J. R. Manchester, 1868, .	13 50
Charles H. Saunders, .	33 25
Wm. H. Smith, .	112 00
John N. Dennen, .	40 00
Benjamin Gardiner, .	720 00
F. L. Farrington, .	790 15
John H. Cates, .	50 25
H. A. Case, .	511 00
Alexander McCausland, .	601 00
Baker Weston, .	2 00
David C. Stone, .	5 00
F. O. Ward, .	4 00

POLICE DEPARTMENT—CONTINUED.

To paid A. J. Walker,	.	.	2 00	
J. H. Butler,			4 00	
John C. Garland,			5 00	
Charles L. White,	.		5 00	
Simeon Turner,	.		4 00	
James D. Brooks,	.		4 00	
James Devine,	.	.	3 75	
John E. Ward,	.		3 00	
John Child,	.	.	3 00	
Charles C. Stone,	.		2 00	
Norcross & Woodbury,	.		22 65	
Charles H. White,	.		2 00	
Geo. W. Littiefield,			7 14	
F. & H. Hamlin,	.		6 84	
			<u>3,052 53</u>	

CR.

By appropriation,	.	\$2,500 00	
Balance charged Contingent,	.	552 53	
		<u>3,052 53</u>	

DISCOUNTS.

DR.

For discounts on taxes of 1869,		3,565 16
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CR.

By appropriation,	3,200 00	
Balance charged contingent,	365 16	
	<u>3,565 16</u>	

ABATEMENTS.

DR.

For abatements on taxes of 1866,	194 02	
“ “ “ 1867,	768 96	
“ “ non-resident taxes of 1868,	712 03	1675.01
“ “ taxes of 1868 to J. P.		
Deering, Col.,	2,087 39	
“ “ “ 1869,	352 74	
	<u>4,115 14</u>	

2 687.39

2,027.75

 ABATEMENTS—CONTINUED.

CR.

By appropriation,	2,500 00	
Balance charged contingent,	1,615 14	
	<hr/>	4,115 14

 INTEREST.

DR.

For paid for coupons on Free Bridge loan,	\$300 00	
“ “ City Bonds,	2,532 50	
“ “ City improvement		
bonds,	15,423 00	
Interest on temporary loans,	2,926 00	
Mutual Alliance Certificates,	156 00	
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	21,337 50	
Balance credited contingent,	2,113 33	
	<hr/>	23,400 83

CR.

By appropriation,	22,000 00	
Interest on \$44,200, State Bonds sold,	982 00	
“ taxes of 1868 of J. P. Deering,	389 03	
“ “ 1869,	79 80	
	<hr/>	23,450 83

 CITY DEBT.

DR.

For paid Free Bridge City Bonds, Nos. 21,		
22, 23, 24 and 25,	2,500 00	
City Loans,	150 00	
	<hr/>	2,650 00
For paid City Loans Nos. 1 and 2 of 1863,	1,000 00	
Temporary loans taken up,	60,042 40	
	<hr/>	61,042 40
		<hr/>
		63,692 40

CITY DEBT—CONTINUED.

CR.

By appropriation,		2,650 00
Received from temporary loans,	51,181 00	
Balance charged contingent,	9,861 40	
	<hr/>	61,042 40
		<hr/>
		\$63,692 40

CONTINGENT.

DR.

For paid travelling expenses Sup't School Committee,	\$92 00
Sup't School Com. for school books,	51 67
Pillsbury & Brown,	32 09
James E. Hamlin,	31 60
Alex. Kincaid,	75 00
Geo. F. North,	1 50
Augusta Gas Co.,	694 02
H. S. Osgood, rent of City Offices,	437 50
P. O. Vickery,	208 25
Rufus Vivian,	20
Insurance on Bridge and City Buildings,	352 00
Erastus Bartlett,	25 00
John H. Cony,	8 00
Geo. W. Perry,	4 50
R. Y. Crockett,	23 37
Joseph Noble,	93 00
Telegraph Co.,	2 54
Wm. B. Pierce,	47 43
Baker Weston,	175 00
T. C. Noble,	11 32
Postage,	25 55
T. J. Rankins,	21 80
S. S. Brooks,	40 10
F. Moorlen,	3 00
H. A. Cummings,	5 25
O. D. Cummings,	11 55
Barbier & Phinney,	112 00

CONTINGENT—CONTINUED.

For paid S. B. Worthley,	\$207 05
George H. Cross,	252 88
F. W. Brann,	9 40
Eben Sawyer,	213 81
T. Fuller & Son,	16 92
E. E. Patterson,	80 45
D. W. Gordan,	1 00
E. Atkins & Co.,	192 96
F. H. Hamlen,	2 78
Reform School,	150 00
Augusta Savings Bank,	1,208 51
A. J. Walker,	1 50
H. H. Harvey,	1 25
J. N. Clifford,	75
Mary A. Chapman,	312 00
Chas. Hamlen,	3 00
Joseph Mace,	4 00
James Savage,	2 00
H. Colburn,	3 99
Ballard & Chase,	1 50
Hartford & Smith,	31 75
W. P. Whitehouse,	43 13
E. D. Norcross,	25 00
H. W. True,	125 25
Nancy W. Keene,	15 00
S. S. Goodrich,	7 75
Thomas Little,	22 63
S. Titcomb,	1 50
Estate of Eph. Ballard,	25 00
W. S. Hill,	21 00
M. W. Long,	12 55
M. M. Swan,	25 00
Ai Staples,	10 00
Clapp & North,	104 17
J. W. Toward,	50 00
Joshua B. Hartford,	25 00
S. Winter,	1 33

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

CONTINGENT—CONTINUED.

For paid G. W. Quinby,	-	65 90	
Homan & Badger,		24 96	
Sumner Barton,	-	55 00	
B- McDonald, note of Fogg & Curtis,		502 40	
Edwin Ladd,		2 00	
Mutual Alliance Certificates,	-	600 00	
			\$7,029 85
Printing, overdrawn,	-	38 77	
Snow bills, “		489 57	
Highways, “	-	349 16	
Poor, “	-	882 93	
City Officers, “	-	432 45	
Police, “		552 53	
Discounts, “	-	365 16	
Abatements, “		1,616 14	
Paid temporary loans, more than negotiated,		9,861 40	
			14,587 11
Balance, uncollected City Taxes of 1868,	-	1,441 96	
“ “ “ 1869,		14,251 10	
“ uncollected District Taxes of 1868-9, &c.,	-	1,605 45	
		17,298 51	
Cash in treasury,	-	729 17	
			18,027 68
			39,644 64

CR.

By balance Fire Department, undrawn,	-	448 09	
New Streets, “		610 00	
State Tax, “	-	14,812 15	
Schools, “	-	3,128 81	
Interest, “		1,688 30	
			20,637 35
By appropriation,	-	5,000 00	
Balance last year,		5,571 04	
Fractional overlay, 1869,		4,558 05	
Supplementary tax, 1869,	-	927 56	

CONTINGENT—CONTINUED.

By received for grass in cemeteries,	9 00	
“ of District No. 25,	1 00	
“ “ G. C. Vose, costs, -	60 19	
“ “ James Savage, -	23 25	
“ for licenses, -	70 00	
“ of City Marshal, fines,	45 00	
“ for cemetary lots sold,	145 00	
“ of James Savage for land, for highways, -	23 25	
“ of W. P. Whitehouse, City Solicitor,	39 00	
“ for taxes conditionally abated, -	7 73	
“ Interest and costs on non-resident tax deeds, -	16 35	
“ on bond of Fogg & Curtis, sold,	470 87	
“ for bonds exchanged for Alliance Certificates, -	600 00	
“ of J. P. Deering, Collector of 1868,	700 00	
		<u>\$39,644 64</u>

RECAPITULATION.

	Appropriated and credited.	Expended.	Undrawn.	Overdrawn
State Tax,	\$17,232 82	\$2,420 67	\$14,812 15	
County Tax,	4,607 67	4,607 67		
Schools,	19,061 79	15,932 98	3,128 81	
Printing,	250 00	288 77		\$38 77
Snow Bills,	1,000 00	1,489 57		489 57
Fire Department,	4,000 00	3,551 91	448 09	
New Streets,	750 00	140 00	610 00	
Poor,	5,978 78	6,861 71		882 93
City Officers,	3,500 00	3,932 45		432 45
Police,	2,500 00	3,052 53		552 53
Discounts,	3,200 00	3,565 16		365 16
Abatements,	2,500 00	4,115 14		1,615 14
Interest,	23,450 83	21,337 50	2,113 33	
City Debt,	2,650 00	2,650 00		

 RECAPITULATION—CONTINUED.

Highways,	10,725 34	11,074 50		349 16
Contingent,	7,710 64	7,029 85	680 79	
	<u>\$109,117 87</u>	<u>\$92,050 41</u>	<u>\$21,793 17</u>	<u>\$4,725 71</u>
Frac. overlay,	4,558 05			
Suppelmentary tax,	927 56			
	<u>\$114,603 48</u>			
Temporary loans paid,			\$61,042 40	
Temporary loans negotiated,			51,181 00	
			<u>\$9,861 40</u>	

LIABILITIES.

Loans due and uncalled for :

Negotiated in 1864,			500 00	
“ “ 1865,			200 00	
“ “ 1866,			1,050 00	
“ “ 1867,			5,398 95	
“ “ 1868,			6,472 00	
“ “ 1869,			250 00	
			<u>10,870 95</u>	
Demand Notes negotiated Dec., 1869,			1,000 00	
“ “ “ Jany. 1870,			2,425 00	
“ “ “ Feby. 1870,			1,000 00	
			<u>4,425 00</u>	
Loans negotiated in 1860 and due in 1870,			2,500 00	
“ “ 1865 “ 1870,			750 00	
“ “ 1868 “ 1870,			200 00	
“ “ 1869 “ 1870,			22,926 00	
			<u>26,376 00</u>	
“ “ 1866 “ 1871,			7,000 00	
“ “ 1868 “ 1871,			800 00	
“ “ 1869 “ 1871,			4,050 00	
			<u>11,850 00</u>	
“ “ 1867 “ 1872,			250 00	
“ “ 1869 “ 1872,			2,700 00	
			<u>2,950 00</u>	
“ “ 1868 “ 1873,			300 00	

 LIABILITIES—CONTINUED.

5 per cent, bonds dated July 1, 1863,	24,000 00	
“ “ “ 1864,	39,800 00	
City improvement bonds, due in 1887,	250,000 00	
	<hr/>	313,800 00
		<hr/>
		370,571 95
Due on Mutual Alliance Certificates,	392 00	
Due balance State tax of 1869,	14,812 15	
Due School Districts,	3,128 81	
Interest on notes and coupons, overdue, uncalled for, about	3,200 00	
Due Sup't School Committee, about	300 00	
Due other towns on account of poor,	25 00	
	<hr/>	21,857 96
		<hr/>
		392,429 91

RESOURCES.

Uncollected city taxes of 1868,	\$1,441 96	
“ “ “ of 1865-6-7-9,	14,251 10	
“ district taxes of 1868-9,	1,605 45	
“ tax deeds of 1868 and prior,	34 08	
Cash received for State bonds, in bank,	34,663 60	
City Improvement Bonds, on hand,	7,100 00	
Due from other towns on account of poor,	353 96	
	<hr/>	59,451 05
Balance against the city	332,778 86	
	<hr/>	392,429 91

ERRORS IN REPORT OF LAST YEAR.

Amount of loans reported in 1869,	\$52,127 80	
Add amount negotiated for year ending } March, 1870, }	51,181 00	
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And the total amount of loans March, } 1870, would be }	103,308 80	

 ERRORS IN REPORT OF LAST YEAR—CONTINUED.

Deduct loans paid during year ending } March, 1870, }	60,042 40	
The balance would be loans outstanding } March, 1870, }	43,266 40	
The amount of loans outstanding March, } 1870, is }	56,771 95	
Deduct balance of loans as stated above,	43,266 40	
Error in amount of loans reported last } year, too small by }	13,505 55	
Amount of 5 per cent. bonds outstand- } ing March 19, 1870, }	63,800 00	
Amount of 5 per cent. bonds paid dur- } ing the year, }	1,000 00	
Amount outstanding March, 1869,	64,800 00	
Reported outstanding March, 1869,	50,500 00	
Error in Report of 1869,	14,300 00	
Add error in loans as before stated,	13,505 55	
Amount liabilities as reported last year, } too small by }	27,805 55	
Deduct error in resources reported last } year, as stated below, }	9,348 67	
Balance to be added to balance reported } against city in 1869, }	18,456 88	
Balance reported against the city in 1869,	321,176 14	
True balance against city March, 1869,	339,633 02	
RESOURCES.		
Received for State bonds on equalization } of Municipal War Debts, }	44,348 67	
Estimate of same last year,	35,000 00	
Error in favor of the city,	9,348 67	
Balance against the city March, 1869,		339,633 02
“ “ “ “ 1870,		332,778 86

 SCHEDULE OF CITY PROPERTY.

City Farm,	\$7,500 00
Personal property on same, about	4,000 00
Atlantic and Pacific Engines,	2,000 00
Steamer Cushnoc and Hose Carriage,	5,000 00
Hose,	5,500 00
Engine house and lot on Bridge St.,	1,500 00
Engine house for Steamer,	1,000 00
Atlantic Engine house, east side river,	1,500 00
Hooks, ladders, &c.,	50 00
One iron safe,	100 00
Furniture in City Council rooms,	250 00
Scales, &c.,	50 00
Land on Mt. Vernon Avenue,	11 00
Land between Carpenter lot and Withrop St.,	3,000 00
Watch House, Market Square.	200 00
Street lamps,	550 00
Tools, &c., for highways, Eastern District,	300 00
Mount Pleasant and Riverside Cemeteries,	2,200 00
Kennebec Bridge,	30,000 00

NOTE.—The Street Commissioner for the Western District has furnished no estimate of value of tools, &c., for highways, and for inventory of same see his Report.

I certify that I have audited the several accounts of the city officers for the past year, and find the same correctly cast, and vouchers on file for all moneys paid by the Treasurer. In many cases the vouchers are not satisfactory, in this, that they do not contain items, but only general charges, as "Goods furnished A B," or "Labor on highways," and thus a duplicate voucher might be presented and the Auditor be unable to detect the wrong. In each succeeding year errors are discovered in the report of the previous one. So long as the labor of examining the accounts is crowded into the space of ten days or a fortnight at the close of the

municipal year, and the City Treasurer continues to pay bills up to the last hour, our citizens must not be shocked if they discover errors, even in *figures*, which are said "not to lie."

In order to have a careful scrutiny of the city affairs, the Report of the Auditor has been delayed until the demand is often made for the "City Reports." To meet that demand the auditing has been somewhat hurried, but the Report is believed to be correct.

As a safeguard against errors, I would recommend that the Auditor be required to audit the several accounts monthly; that he keep a book in which he shall enter monthly the receipts and disbursements of the several departments, city officers, loans, &c.; that all bills, &c., be turned over to the Auditor as soon as paid, and that no bill be paid within the week next preceding the close of the municipal year. Also that the City Treasurer be required to publish, at the close of the year, a list of the persons whose taxes remain unpaid, and the amount due from each. This would not only hurry up delinquents, and thus cause a more prompt collection of the taxes, but would lead to the detection of any errors in the amount of taxes reported uncollected.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Auditor*.

AUGUSTA, April 2, 1870.

REPORT OF CITY TREASURER.

THOMAS LITTLE *in account with the* CITY OF AUGUSTA.

1869-70.	Dr.		
To am't of non-resident taxes of 1868, from			
John P. Deering, Treas. of 1868,		\$1,059 81	
of non-resident Village School taxes			
of 1868, from same,		80 46	
of non-resident tax deeds of 1868			
and prior, of same,		50 71	
of City Impr. bonds held for Eras-			
tus Bartlett, of same,		3,000 00	
of City Impr. bonds held for Llew-			
ellyn Williams, of same,		2,100 00	
		<hr/>	6,290 98
of city taxes of 1865, reported un-			
collected last year,		15 00	
of city taxes of 1866, reported same,		269 68	
" " 1867, " "		1,535 26	
		<hr/>	1,819 94
of Vill. " 1865, " "		5 00	
" " 1866, " "		50 10	
" " 1867, " "		128 36	
		<hr/>	183 46
of city taxes assessed in '69 (regular)		94,507 54	
" " " " (sup.,)		927 56	
		<hr/>	95,435 10
of Vill. " " " " (regular,)		6,552 46	
" " " " (sup.,)		136 04	
		<hr/>	6,688 50
of regular tax assessed on school			
district No. 20,		521 80	
of supplemental tax upon same,		4 55	
		<hr/>	526 35

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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To am't of regular tax assessed dist. No. 14,	455 18	
of supplemental tax upon same,	9 43	
	<hr/>	464 61
of cash received on bond No. 257, left as collateral to secure Fogg & Curtis' note,	470 87	
of G. C. Vose, bal. of acc't with city,	60 19	
for grass in cemeteries,	9 00	
of Jas Savage for land damage lay- ing out road per agreement,	23 25	
of F. L. Farrington, City Marshal, for fines collected,	45 00	
rec'd for tax of 1866, which had been conditionally abated,	7 73	
rec'd of sundry persons for licenses,	70 00	
rec'd of agent of school dist. No. 27,	4 80	
rec'd of Directors of Vill. District,	1,648 88	
	<hr/>	2,339 72
rec'd of Loton Griffith, Street Com- missioner, for collected,	134 00	
rec'd of John E. Ward, St. Com., for collected and oxen sold,	341 34	
rec'd of Wm. P. Whitehouse, City Solicitor, for collected,	39 00	
rec'd of State of Maine, pensions re- funded,	1,094 00	
rec'd of Overseers of Poor from other towns, &c.,	978 78	
rec'd for work of city farm team for highway work,	153 97	
rec'd interest and cost on non-resi- dent tax deeds settled,	79 80	
	<hr/>	2,837 24
six 5 per cent. city bonds in ex- change for Alliance Certificates,		600 00
rec'd for 44,400 equalization bonds, sold at 97½,	43,290 00	
rec'd for 4 mos. 14 int. on same,	992 00	
	<hr/>	44,282 00
rec'd of State, surplus over bonds in cash,		66 67

To amt rec'd for transfer of repair fund in dist. 11 to school fund,		7 89
rec'd for lot No. 211 Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, of Wm. H. Emery,	10 00	
rec'd for lot No. 241 in same, of Dan'l F. Stewart,	10 00	
rec'd for lot No. 300 in same, of Sylvinda Breen,	10 00	
rec'd for lot No. 240 in same, of E. F. Blackman,	10 00	
for lot 326 do., of Margaret Norcross,	10 00	
" 272 " Jane Gowen,	10 00	
" 328 " John E. Ward,	10 00	
" 470 " Timothy R. Bragg,	5 00	
" 323 " Gutav. W. Arnold,	10 00	
" 390 " R. B. Hussey,	5 00	
" 210 " Heirs of E. Ballard,	10 00	
	<hr/>	100 00
for $\frac{1}{2}$ lot No. 31, Riverside Cemetery, of P. C. Dolliver,	5 00	
for $\frac{1}{2}$ lot 31 do., of F. H. Fairfield,	5 00	
for lot 85 do., of C. E. Hayward and S. H. Parsons,	10 00	
" 86 " William Hodges,	10 00	
" 123 " Thos. E. Bartlett,	10 00	
" 60 " Orlando R. Achorn,	5 00	
	<hr/>	45 00
rec'd drawn from Bank vs. deposit of State bond fund for city purposes,	2,988 73	
rec'd for temporary loans,	51,181 00	
rec'd cash of John P. Deering, Treas. of 1868,	700 00	
rec'd due Treasurer,	729 17	
	<hr/>	217,266 36

Cr.		
By balance due treasurer on settlement last year,		730 06
By paid county tax of 1869 in full,	4,607 67	
“ state “ “ part,	2,420 67	
“ Pensions,	1,094 00	
	<hr/>	8,122 34
“ Mayor's warrants for highway repairs,	11,074 50	
By paid Mayor's warrants for snow bills,	1,489 57	
“ “ “ new streets,	140 00	
	<hr/>	12,704 07
“ “ “ poor,	6,861 71	
“ “ “ schools,	14,378 35	
“ “ “ new school-house and repairs,	979 73	
By paid Mayor's warrants for city officers,	3,932 45	
“ “ “ fire dep't,	3,551 91	
“ “ “ police dep't,	3,052 53	
“ “ “ printing,	288 77	
	<hr/>	33,045 45
“ “ “ city debt,	2,650 00	
“ “ “ city loans,	61,042 40	
“ “ “ interest,	21,337 50	
“ “ “ discount on city taxes,	3,565 16	
By paid Mayor's warrants for abatement of city taxes,	2,027 75	
By paid Mayor's warrants for contingent expenses,	7,029 85	
	<hr/>	97,652 66
By Erastus Bartlett, bonds surrendered to him,	3,000 00	
By bonds held for Llewellyn Williams,	2,100 00	
	<hr/>	5,100 00
Unpaid non-resident tax deeds of 1868, and prior held,		34 98

By unpaid city taxes of 1865,	7 50	
“ “ “ 1866,	113 74	
“ “ “ 1867,	466 26	
“ “ “ 1869,	13,663 60	
	<hr/>	14,251 10
“ village “ 1865,	2 50	
“ “ “ 1866,	8 64	
“ “ “ 1867,	33 88	
“ “ “ 1869,	1,135 37	
	<hr/>	1,180 39
“ taxes for school district No. 20,	85 37	
“ “ “ “ 14,	77 94	
	<hr/>	153 31
Cash paid for 7,100 city improvement bonds,	6,734 00	
Cash deposited (avails of state bonds bearing interest) to redeem its bonds,	37,548 00	
	<hr/>	44,282 00
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		\$217,266 36

Errors excepted and this account settled.

THOS. LITTLE, *Treasurer.*

Augusta, March 19, 1870.

JOHN P. DEERING, *Treasurer and Collector for 1868, in account with the CITY OF AUGUSTA.*

Dr.

Bonds from T. Little, Treasurer, held for L. Bartlett and Morton heirs,	\$3,000 00	
Bonds from T. Little, Treasurer, held for S. Williams,	2,100 00	
Uncollected non-resident tax deeds for 1867 and prior,	55 75	
Uncollected city taxes reported for 1868,	16,594 00	
“ Village school district taxes, reported for 1868,	1,228 00	
“ School district taxes No. 10, reported for 1868,	51 36	
“ School district taxes No. 11, reported for 1868,	40 56	
“ School district taxes No. 16, reported for 1868,	180 14	
“ School district taxes No. 17, reported for 1868,	215 17	
“ School district taxes No. 19, reported for 1868,	21 47	
“ School district taxes No. 20, reported for 1868,	110 06	
Cash reported in treasury,	1,013 06	
Cash of State Treasurer for school fund of 1868,	195 46	
Received of sundry persons as interest on taxes,	389 03	
Received from erroneous abatement	16 15	
	<hr/>	\$25,160 21

CR.

Paid balance of State tax, per Mayor's warrant,	\$0,562 00
Non-resident tax deeds of 1867 and prior, turned over to T. Little, Treas.,	50 71
Non-resident city taxes of 1868 turned over to T. Little, Treas.,	1,089 81

Non-resident village district taxes of 1868	
turned over to T. Little, Treas.,	80 46
Paid bills against district No. 10,	2 00
" " " 16,	35 90
" " " 17,	244 12
" " " 19,	2 00
" " " 20,	3 00
Uncollected school district taxes No. 10,	3 31
" " " " 11,	16 10
" " " " 16,	19 59
" " " " 17,	15 26
" " " " 19,	16 24
" " " " 20,	14 09
" city taxes for 1868,	1441 96
" village district taxes for 1868,	131 84
By city bonds held for E. Bartlett, turned	
over to T. Little, Treas.,	3,000 00
By city bonds held for L. Williams, turned	
over to T. Little, Treas.,	2,100 00
Abatements of city taxes of 1868,	2,087 39
" village " "	241 44
By amount of city tax turned over to City	
Solicitor for litigation,	4,170 50
By cash &c., turned over to T. Little, Treas.,	700 00
Abatements of school district taxes No. 10,	7 81
" " " " 11,	2 31
" " " " 16,	6 80
" " " " 17,	26 10
" " " " 20,	42
Error in amount temporary loans reported	
negotiated for 1868,	116 05
	<hr/> \$25,160 21

Errors excepted and this amount settled.

JOHN P. DEERING, *Collector for 1868.*

Augusta, March 10, 1870.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

The following statement shows the receipts and expenditures of the Poor Department under our charge during the past year:

Amount of warrants received from the Mayor upon		
the Treasurer,	" " "	\$6,807 71
Amount from other towns,	" " "	816 75
" individuals,	" " "	807 97
" Street Commissioner,	" " "	153 97
Amount received for oxen,	" " "	200 00
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		\$7,786 40

The above is accounted for as follows:

Paid City Treasurer amount collected,	" "	\$978 69
Bills on account of other towns,	" "	610 47
" " Alms House,	" "	2,645 27
" " Insane Hospital,	" "	1,123 49
" " Poor out of Alms House,		2,428 48
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		\$7,786 40
Amount due other towns,	" "	25 00
" from other towns,	" "	353 96

THOMAS FULLER,	}	Overseers
S. P. PLUMMER,		of
HENRY CRAIG,		Poor.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF CITY FARM.

To Messrs. Overseers of Poor:

Whole expense of poor at Alms House,	\$3,706 50
Rec'd of City Treasurer per Overseers' order,	2,645 27
From all other sources,	1,061 23
	<hr/> \$3,706 50

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for Groceries,	\$628 61
Hardware,	47 99
Blacksmithing,	89 79
Dry goods,	135 10
Boots and shoes,	35 70
Corn meal and feed,	326 49
Medicine,	13 34
Repairs,	38 45
Lumber,	28 78
Meat and fish,	22 28
Furniture,	82 16
Labor, (including my salary,)	858 03
Stationery,	4 83
Labor, paint and stock,	54 67
Hay seed,	14 83
Grindstone,	8 21
Tinware,	17 94
Mill wood,	12 00
Superphosphate of lime,	24 17
Soap,	18 58
Lime,	3 35
Garden seeds,	25
Harnesses and blankets,	57 25
Expense to Fayette,	3 00

EXPENDITURES—CONTINUED.

Paid for Pump,	16 25
Making cider,	2 25
Manure,	39 70
Butchering,	4 50
4 pigs,	30 00
Wood,	474 00
Wagon,	100 00
Stock,	513 00
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	\$3,706 50

The products of the Farm were

Hay, 50 tons,
 Barley, 114 bushels,
 Corn, 98 “
 Beans, 12½ “
 Potatoes, 250 “
 Peas, 1½ “
 Pumpkins, 2 cart loads,
 Beets, 22 bushels,
 Turnips, 20 “
 Carrots, 10 “
 Cabbage, 50 heads,
 Cheese, 323 lbs.,
 Butter, 492 lbs.

G. R. PORTER.

REPORTS OF STREET COMMISSIONERS.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and

Common Council of the City of Augusta:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit my Report as Street Commissioner for the Western District, for the past municipal year:

Received upon Mayor's warrants,	\$6,183 32	
Cash from individuals for labor &c.,	134 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,317 32
Expended for summer repairs,	5,553 95	
" winter "	763 37	
	<hr/>	6,317 32

The above amount has been expended in the several districts as follows:

	Summer.	Winter.
Village district,	\$4,079 48	\$387 40
Western Avenue, John Hussey, Agent,	168 55	40 72
Winthrop road, C. E. Sawtelle, Agent,	105 52	36 75
Coombs Mill road, (north,) S. P. Jackson, Agt.,	75 45	12 75
" " (south,) G. M. Pullen, Agt.,	96 35	24 15
Mt. Vernon avenue, 1st dist., J. S. Thompson, Agt.,	294 81	31 24
" 2d dist., John Jewett, Agt.,	78 75	15 15
" 3d dist., Moses Morrill, Agt.,	111 00	38 32
Robie road, B. S. Farnham, Agent,	11 10	17 24
Belgrade road, 1st dist., Geo. L. Guoir, Agent,	100 57	24 82
" 2d dist., A. H. Merchant, Agent,	62 47	27 67
Middle road, Wm. H. Hayward, Agent,	60 00	20 55
River road, 1st dist., Chas. Saunders, Agent,	134 92	32 17
" 2d dist., E. W. Stewart, Agent,	58 96	15 60

Woodward road, Otis Cummings, Agent,	53 25	18 60
Ballard road, C. Cottle, Agent,	62 77	20 24
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	\$5,553 95	\$763 37

There is due to the City from various perons, for labor
 done for them, as per bills placed in the hands of
 the City Solicitor for collection, \$143 25

Inventory of tools &c., belonging to Western District:

5 box scrapers,	2 iron bars,
6 hand scrapers,	2 hoes,
1 stone roller,	1 rake,
2 gravel sieves,	1 axe,
3 picks,	1 sledge hammer,
2 shovels,	1 hand hammer,
1 hand saw,	1 spirit level,
4 snow plows,	1 nail hammer,
1 plow,	3 drills,
1 dump cart,	6 wedges,
1 sled for breaking snow,	1 wagon.

LOTON GRIFFITH,

Street Commissioner Western District.

AUGUSTA, March 19, 1870.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and

Common Council of the City of Augusta:

GENTLEMEN:—I herewith submit my Report as
 Street Commissioner for the Eastern District the past
 municipal year:

Received from the City Treasurer upon

Mayor's warrants, in all \$5,794 93

Received of sundry persons cash for labor, &c., 341 34

\$6,136 27

Expended the amount received on Mayor's warrants as follows:

For repairs of highways,	\$5,058 80	
Building new streets,	140 00	
Snow bills,	596 13	
		\$5,794 93
Paid into the city treasury amount collected,		341 34
		<u>\$6,136 27</u>

The above sums for repairs and snow bills have been expended in the districts as follows:

	Summer repairs.	Winter repairs.
Village district,	\$2,240 11	192 62
Thomaston road,	286 76	52 24
Hospital “	78 75	22 70
South Belfast road,	561 77	51 00
Windsor “	39 86	10 15
North Belfast “	1,315 35	85 80
Bangor “	244 00	52 90
Mud Mill “	53 95	16 35
Cross hill “	51 75	35 00
Prescott “	30 25	7 95
Church hill “	31 00	36 60
Hatch hill “	75 00	
Howe “	14 00	10 47
Allen “	18 75	9 25
E. E. Savage “	17 50	13 00
	<u>\$5,058 80</u>	<u>\$596 13</u>

Inventory of property on hand and turned over to my successor, viz:

2 snow plows, 21 hand scrapers, 2 plows, 2 carrying scrapers, 1 chain, 1 stone hammer, 1 hand hammer, 2 picks, 2 drills, 1 iron bar, 2 spades, 2 shovels, 1 ox cart and yoke, bows, staple and ring, lumber and flagging stone, all valued at \$300.00.

JOHN E. WARD,
Street Commissioner Eastern District.

AUGUSTA, March 19, 1870.

CITY SOLICITOR'S REPORT.

To the City Council of the City of Augusta:

The undersigned respectfully submits the following Report:

At the commencement of the present year, the following cases, to which the city was a party, were pending in the Supreme Court, viz:

City of Augusta vs. Wm. B. Pierce.

Augusta Savings Bank vs. City of Augusta.

Waldo A. Blossom et. ux., vs. City of Augusta.

John D. Lake vs. City of Augusta.

Darius Rockwood vs. City of Augusta.

Mercy A. Chapman vs. City of Augusta.

In *Augusta vs. Pierce*, and *Savings Bank vs. Augusta*, argued at the last term of the Law Court, the decision of the Court was adverse to the city. The others were all brought to recover damages sustained by reason of alleged defects in the highway.

In *Blossom vs. Augusta*, tried at the last October term, the jury failed to agree, and the case will be open for a second trial at the next August term.

In *Lake vs. Augusta*, tried at the present term, a non-suit was ordered and the case goes to the Law Court on exceptions and report.

Rockwood vs. Augusta, was continued by reason of the absence of an important witness for the city.

Chapman vs. Augusta, was settled at the October term, the city paying \$312 in full, for damages and costs.

At the last October term the *Augusta Savings Bank* commenced an action against the city to recover the tax of 1867 and 1868, paid by the bank under protest. It is now pending.

At the October term an action was commenced in behalf of the city against James W. North et. als., Commissioners of the sinking fund of the Kennebec and Portland R. R. Co., to recover a tax assessed on the fund in hands of the defendants under the act passed in 1869. It goes to the Law Court on report.

The claims of the city against the Episcopal and Universalist Churches, have been adjusted as appears by the report of the City Treasurer.

You may be congratulated upon the fact that no new cause of action by or against the city has accrued during the municipal year just closed.

W. P. WHITEHOUSE,
City Solicitor.

Augusta, March 19, 1870.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER

OF THE

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Gentlemen of the City Council of Augusta :

In conformity with the provisions of chapter XI, section 9, of the City Ordinances, I herewith submit to your honorable body my Third Annual Report as Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of the City of Augusta, embracing the number of fires and alarms, with the loss and insurance, so far as could be ascertained ; rolls of the companies composing the Department, the condition of the apparatus, reservoirs, &c., together with such suggestions relative to the wants of the Department, as would, in my opinion, if adopted by you, greatly increase its efficiency, and thus promote the safety of property.

FIRES, ALARMS, &c.

The number of fires and alarms the past year, are nine, as follows :

May 4, 1869. Alarm at 2½ o'clock A. M., caused by fire being discovered in building owned and used by Gardiner Phillips as a carriage shop, on Swan St. The building was consumed, and also a stable connected with it owned by Col. Pettengill. The houses

of Col. Pettengill and Mr. Phillips were also slightly injured. The efforts of the Department were directed mainly to saving surrounding buildings. Mr. Phillips' loss on shop and contents, \$1,500—no insurance; his loss on house, \$20—insured. Col. Pettengill's loss on stable, about \$500—no insurance; his loss on house, \$20—insured. Cause of fire unknown.

May 7. Alarm at 1½ o'clock A. M., caused by fire being discovered in basement of store owned by B. H. Cushman, Esq., on Water St., and occupied by Furbush & Bessey as an eating saloon. Prompt action of the firemen extinguished the fire with but slight damage to the building—Messrs. F. & B.'s loss being mostly from damage to their goods by water. Mr. Cushman's loss \$11.50—insured. Messrs. Furbush & Bessey's loss, \$300—insured. Cause of fire unknown.

May 15. Alarm at half-past 12 in the night, caused by fire being discovered in an old house on Cushnoc Heights, owned by Mrs. Fisher, and unoccupied. Building nearly destroyed. Loss, \$200 — insured. Cause of fire—supposed incendiary.

May 20. Alarm at 5½ o'clock P. M., caused by fire being discovered in chamber of house owned and occupied by Mrs. Williams, on School St., (east side.) Firemen promptly on hand and extinguished the fire with but small loss. Loss, \$75—insured. Cause of fire unknown.

August 15. Alarm at 8 P. M., caused by the burning of a small hut on the Brook road, 1½ miles from the engine houses. No loss of any account.

Dec. 25. Alarm at 4 o'clock, caused by fire being discovered in an unoccupied room (second flight,) of

building owned by the Bittues heirs, on Water St., and occupied by Bartlett & Hartwell, and others. Prompt action of the firemen extinguished the fire with a small loss on the building of \$50—insured. Cause of fire—piling ashes on the floor of one of the unoccupied rooms by one of the occupants up stairs.

Jan. 13, 1870. Alarm caused by a chimney burning out at the machine shop—no damage.

March 4. Alarm at 6 P. M., caused by fire being discovered in house owned and occupied by W. B. Leighton, on Arsenal St., (East side.) Fire promptly extinguished without using the engines. Loss, \$20—insured. Fire caught from heat of cook stove.

March 9. Alarm at 7 o'clock P. M., caused by fire being discovered on roof of house owned by F. Tibbetts, on Court St. Loss very slight. Fire caught from chimney burning out.

RECAPITULATION OF LOSSES AND INSURANCE.

Total losses for the year,	\$2,696 50
Total insurance on same,	696 50

Total losses over and above insurance, \$2,000 00

As will be seen by the foregoing, our losses have been very light the past year—undoubtedly the smallest since the city was incorporated. This very gratifying result, and one which our citizens, I think, fully appreciate, I feel assured is owing, in a large degree, to the efficiency of our police system the past year. Marshal Farrington is entitled to much credit for the impartial and efficient manner in which he has discharged his duties. Any person appearing on our

streets in the night intoxicated, has been promptly taken care of, instead of being allowed to roam about, and finally turn in to some out-building, there to smoke or otherwise use matches, which has undoubtedly been the cause of many of our fires, which we, at the time, termed incendiary.

LEADING HOSE.

We have now 2,500 feet of first-class leading hose, and 1,000 feet of old hose—the latter being unfit for fire duty. Last year I recommended the purchase of 1,000 feet of new hose to take the place of the old. We have hose enough if we were sure we should have no fires ; but should we have two fires on successive days, or even during three days in cold weather, the second fire would undoubtedly find us without hose ready for use, as it would be impossible to properly dry the hose used at the first fire in so short a time. I therefore renew the recommendation to purchase 1,000 feet of hose with the Jones' Patent Coupling, as all our hose, with the exception of the old, has this coupling. Let us not turn a deaf ear to the wants of the department, for if we do we may wake up when it is too late to save our city from another great conflagration.

RESERVOIRS.

We have built no reservoirs the past two years. I am of the opinion, and I think the most of our citizens are, that we should build one or two reservoirs each year, at least until our conveniences for water are much more perfect than at present.

There should be built a reservoir of at least 1,000

hogsheads on State Street, near the Cushnoc House. Our citizens generally are anxious that one should be built there, and it is to be hoped that an appropriation for this purpose will be made by the incoming City Council.

A reservoir is also much needed on Water St., near the foot of Laurel St., as there is hardly any protection for the large amount of wooden buildings in that vicinity. There was a small reservoir near the R. R. bridge which partially covered this vicinity, but that was blown up in December, 1868, by the Gas Company. Nothing has ever been done about the matter, but I am of the opinion that granting a company the privilege of laying gas pipes in the streets of a city, *does not* give them the right to blow up reservoirs, or any other property of the city, or of individuals, without being liable to the extent of such damage. I leave the subject now, as I did last year by special communication, with the City Council, hoping that they will see that the matter is fairly adjusted.

The press of the city can do much in getting up an interest in the building of reservoirs, but they should move in the matter at the right time, and not wait until the ground is frozen and covered with snow, for our citizens will think it intended only as a joke.

HOSE CARRIAGES.

The condition of the hose carriages is the same as at the time of making my last report, with the exception of repairs done on the same. For two years I have recommended the procuring of an extra hose carriage capable of carrying at least 1,000 feet of hose, to be hauled by a horse, for the purpose of supplying

any engine that should happen to be short of hose, which happens very often, and in such cases cause much delay in getting to work. The cost of such a carriage would be but a trifle compared with the service it would often render in time of fire. I think the Chief Engineer the coming year, whoever he may be, will be fully justified in purchasing or having such a carriage built, provided he has the funds to do so, without any further recommendations on the subject.

HOOK AND LADDER CARRIAGE.

The hook and ladder apparatus is in good running order, although not of the most approved pattern. We need improvements in so many directions, that we cannot hope to make any change in this respect for some time to come.

J. C. Boyington took the contract for \$25 to haul the carriage to and from fires, and has done it faithfully so far as our needs have extended the past year. It has been a good job for him *this* year, but I think our citizens will not find fault because we have not had any more fires in order that he might have more work.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TEAM, &c.

The Department team has done, the past year, all the work assigned it. Aside from sprinkling the streets during the summer, and labor connected with the department, the team has done between \$200 and \$300 worth of work on the streets. I have asked nor received any credit for work done by the team, as has heretofore been the case.

In fact, after three years' experience, I deem it advisable, in future, not to allow credit for the team, but

make the Fire Department appropriation large enough to cover all expenses without it. The Street Commissioner is apt to look on it as money paid out when he employs the team for a day, when in reality it costs the city nothing whatever. One rule should be adhered to in this matter, and that is this : when there is no more work than *one* team can do, the team owned by the city *should* do it. I *do not* think it advisable to employ teams to do the work of the city, when we have a team in the stable doing nothing.

I respectfully represent to your honorable body, that the present horses are too light, and that it is advisable to exchange them for a heavier pair; and hope you will give the subject your early consideration.

Mr. Wm. D. Dixon, although a new man in the place, has managed the team to the satisfaction of all concerned.

ROLL OF ATLANTIC ENGINE CO., No. 3.

J. B. Woodman, Foreman,	C. K. Emerson,
W. B. Leighton, Asst. do.,	R. Turner,
W. L. Clark, Foreman of Hose,	R. Crockett,
W. E. Potter, Asst. do.,	Wm. Wing,
S. P. Plummer, Clerk,	Chas. Trotter,
Fred Reynolds,	Chas. Brookins,
A. B. Stone,	W. H. Burgess,
J. E. Ward,	Geo. Burgess,
Isaac Bennett,	F. O. Yeaton,
Jacob Hanks,	G. Haskell,
Geo. Hanks,	Mart. Potter,
Chas. H. Safford,	Jacob Merrill,
Alex. McDavid,	J. A. Mitchell,
L. Mason,	R. Murphy,
H. A. Taber,	J. S. Little.

NOTE.—This Company has run 30 men during the year, which expires on the first Monday of April.

 ROLL OF PACIFIC ENGINE CO., No. 4.

E. H. Ballard, Foreman,	Ed. S. Soule,
G. G. Burns, Asst. do.,	John Phinney,
F. A. Morton, Foreman of Hose,	G. W. Littlefield,
Wm. Jackson, Asst. do.,	Andrew Gear,
D. McIntosh, Clerk,	R. W. Holt,
Wm. Anthony,	F. W. Kinsman,
Howard Owen,	Herbert Beale,
Frank Knowlton,	Matthew Bryant,
Charles Knowlton,	Chas. Diplock,
L. D. Ray,	H. C. Lombard,
J. W. Neal,	D. Knowlton,
George Smith,	Chas. White,
Geo. W. Pillsbury,	Geo. Holmes,
Baker Weston,	B. F. Stilkey,
Edwin Ladd,	Fred C. Rogers.

NOTE.—This Company has run 30 men during the year, which expires on the first Monday of May.

ROLL OF STEAMER CUSHNOC CO., No. 5.

H. T. Morse, Foreman,	J. F. Arnold,
W. W. Robbins, Asst. do.,	Seth Gay,
J. W. Trussell,	E. Jones,
F. B. Sears,	W. F. Taylor,
J. H. Dolliver,	W. H. Childs,
C. Churchill,	P. H. Olys,
G. C. Flagg,	J. G. Shaw,
J. W. Robbins,	Frank Moorlen, Engineer,
	Wm. D. Dixon, Driver.

FINANCIAL.

The entire expense of running the Department the past year is \$3,551.91, leaving a balance of appropriation undrawn of \$448.09—for a detailed statement of which I refer you to the Auditor's Report.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, the firemen will please accept my thanks for their uniform courtesy and aid at all times.

To His Honor, the Mayor, the Committee on Fire Department, the City Council, and to our citizens generally, I wish to return my sincere thanks for their encouragement and aid on all occasions.

Last, though not least, Mr. Frank Moorlen will please accept thanks for the perfect order in which he has kept the Steamer Cushnoc, as well as the hand engines and leading hose.

Which is respectfully submitted.

P. O. VICKERY, *Chief Engineer.*

AUGUSTA, March 19, 1870.

CITY MARSHAL'S REPORT.

To the Honorable City Council:

GENTLEMEN:—It becomes my duty as City Marshal, to report to you the doings of the police force department for the present municipal year, commencing Mar. 14, 1869, and ending Mar. 12, 1870.

There have been by the police force prosecutions for the following offences:

Drunkenness,	130	Night walking,	3
Assault and Battery,	34	Liquor selling,	24
Search warrants,	12	Common runaway,	1
Larceny,	3	Gaming,	2
Houses of ill fame,	2	Adultery,	2
Vagrancy,	7	Disturbing school,	1
Malicious mischief,	8	Fast driving,	3
Arson,	3	False pretense,	1
Threatening,	4	Sabbath breaking,	1
Nuisance,	2	Burglary,	1

Violation City Ordinance, 2.

Amounting to 251, disposed of as follows: Convicted, 233; discharged, 12; bound over, 6.

In addition to the above, I have lodged 127 in the police office.

There have been collected of various persons fines for the following offences:

Trotting horses on bridge,	\$27 00
Smoking on bridge,	2 00
Fast driving on street,	9 00
Violation City ordinance,	6 00
Obstructing walks,	1 00

Amounting to \$45, which I have paid over to the City Treasurer.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRANK L. FARRINGTON,

Augusta, March 12, 1870.

City Marshal.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the City Council:

Under the provisions of our city charter, the administration of our municipal affairs for the current year has been entrusted to us. A faithful performance of our respective public duties, will often require patient investigation, diligent attention, and a sacrifice of private interests. You may be required to attend regular or special meetings or serve on committees when your private business demands your attention. I am confident, however, that all reasonable sacrifices will be cheerfully made.

The severe storms, extraordinary freshets and destructive conflagrations in different parts of our country, causing extensive damage, destruction of property, and loss of life during the past year, must render it ever memorable in the annals of our history.

The loss of property and derangement of business in our city in consequence of the freshet of last month, will fall heavily upon some of our citizens.

The damage to the Kennebec dam, however, is understood to be much less than was anticipated, and it is gratifying to know that this property is now in the hands of a company having the ability and disposition speedily to make all necessary repairs.

The loss of the railroad bridge will be severely felt, not only by the company having control of it, but by

the travelling public. I learn, however, that this bridge will be rebuilt in the most substantial manner, as soon as practicable, and all possible facilities will in the mean-time be afforded for the transportation of passengers and freight.

The injury to the Kennebec bridge is the only immediate damage worthy of note to the property of the city. Immediate measures were taken for its preservation, and under the faithful superintendence of Mr. Noyes it has been partially repaired, and travel thereon resumed after an interval of eleven days, during which it was closed against teams. I doubt not that the requisite sum needed for its thorough and substantial repair will bcheerfully appropriated by you.

FINANCIAL.

The amount allowed this city according to the report of the Commissioners on the equalization of municipal war debts was \$44,466%, of this amount \$44,400 has been received in State bonds and the balance in money. By an order of the last City Council, the City Treasurer was directed to sell these bonds and invest the proceeds in city improvement bonds, issued under the act of January 15, 1867. The net amount received from the sale of the State bonds, (including the balance received from the State,) was \$44,316.04. The treasurer has purchased city improvement bonds of the par value of \$7,100, for which he paid \$6,734. The balance in his hands has been put at interest with a view to purchase additional city improvement bonds, (which can be obtained in July next at the rate designated in the order,) unless a different disposition of this fund shall be made by you.

By the provisions of the act under which the State bonds were issued, the application of the proceeds thereof is restricted to the extinguishment of the indebtedness of the city incurred prior to March 7, 1868. The amount of outstanding notes and bonds against the city is as follows:

Notes overdue and uncalled for,	\$15,645 95
Notes not due,	41,376 00
Five per cent. city bonds,	63,800 00
City improvement bonds (exclusive of \$7,100 held by the city,)	242,900 00
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	\$363,721 95

Several of the appropriations for 1869 have been overdrawn, but the amount of the overlay on taxes, \$4,458.05, and the supplementary tax, \$927.56, with other sums paid into the treasury, will probably be sufficient to balance the amount overdrawn.

The Auditor's Report not having been completed, I am unable to give the exact amount of our liabilities or resources. The whole amount of the indebtedness of the city above available resources at this time, according to the best estimate I am now able to make, will not probably exceed \$320,000.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

Among the duties of municipal governments, no one is more important than that for the preservation of the public health. It is not only the right but the duty of the city government to watch over the health of the citizens and to remove every nuisance which may endanger it. For this purpose extraordinary powers are conferred upon health officers. Their determination

of questions of discretion and judgment in the discharge of their duties within the scope of the power conferred, and for the purposes for which the determination is required to be made, is conclusive. The necessity for prompt and decisive measures to protect the public health may affect injuriously private property; but in exigencies of this nature private considerations must necessarily yield to the public good. There are also corresponding duties incumbent upon us all as citizens. Our city should be kept clean—all decaying vegetable or animal substances should be removed and not allowed to remain upon our premises—no accumulations of stagnant or impure water should be allowed upon or about our premises, but they should be kept free from all accumulations that endanger health. Although our city has been especially free from epidemic disease, we know not when pestilence may come. Having taken all requisite precautionary measures, we shall in any event, have the satisfaction of knowing that no fault can be justly attributable to us.

SEWERS.

The need of some system of drainage in certain parts of our city becomes with each year more imperative. A survey of those portions of the city on each side of the river in which, at some time, public sewers will probably be constructed, is undoubtedly the first indispensable preliminary step in this direction. A survey and profile of the streets and localities requiring drainage, with a view to the establishment and construction of substantial drains and sewers—a careful examination of the natural means of drainage, and and the taking of levels through the streets, thereby

furnishing the necessary data for a perfect system adequate to the requirements of all coming time, with a plan embracing the territory to be drained, would according to an estimate obtained from a competent and experienced civil engineer, require the expenditure of about one thousand dollars.

The entire construction of drains and sewers, according to the plan suggested, requiring, perhaps, in some instances, the consent of the land owners, would necessarily involve a large expenditure of money—a commencement, however, could be made in such part of the city as should be deemed advisable and the work continued from year to year in such manner, and to such extent as the exigencies of particular localities would require.

I have deemed it my duty to call your attention to this matter, but I am not able at this time to make any specific recommendations for your consideration. I can only suggest that such system of sewerage may be devised as your judgment shall deem best adapted to meet the wants and preserve the health of the community.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS.

At the commencement of the past municipal year our roads and sidewalks needed extensive repairs. In several places they were evidently below the statute standard, and were not safe and convenient for travelers. The original appropriation for highways was insufficient, and an additional amount was raised therefor by temporary loan. In the eastern district the causeway, about 23 rods in length, known as the "Meadow bridge," on the North Belfast road, has been raised

and permanently repaired by contract, at an expense of \$500. About 50 rods of concrete sidewalk upon the north side of Cony street, has also been made, at a cost of \$425. A portion of the South Belfast road at the south end of Togus pond, for about 75 rods, will require extensive repairs. During the freshet in January last, it was overflowed in four different places. The dam at the upper Togus mills, in Chelsea, has, undoubtedly, contributed to the injury of this road. It is understood, however, that the proprietors of this dam are not disposed to claim any legal or prescriptive rights to which they are not justly entitled.

The Leavitt brook bridge on the North Belfast road, was injured by the late freshet in January, and will need repairs.

The bridge on the Bangor road, over Whitney brook, was never properly finished, and having been also injured by the freshet, will need additional wharfing and filling on the north and south sides.

In the western district the sidewalk on the north side of Bridge street, adjoining the premises of the late Daniel Woodward, should be rebuilt. A permanent wall for the protection of the street at this point is also needed.

The easterly side of Water street, from the north line of Mr. Hendee's lot to the south line of Mrs. White's lot, will require a permanent wall for its protection. The embankment at this place, at some points, has been gradually giving way and has required the attention of the Street Commissioner after every considerable fall of rain during the past year. This portion of the street should, in my opinion, be widened by

extending the line easterly about eight feet. A satisfactory arrangement can probably be made with the adjoining proprietors by the erection of a wall upon their land, filling in and grading the street, and making a permanent sidewalk which shall be mutually beneficial to the city and other parties interested.

A culvert on the river road, near the house of Mr. Howard, will probably be needed.

In consequence of the large expenditures required for the repairs of the roads in this district, the Street Commissioner has not been able to make any extensive improvements of a permanent nature. A concrete sidewalk on the west side of State street, about 19 rods in length, a bridge over Spring brook near the house of Mrs. Leighton, and a plank sidewalk and culvert on Washington street, have, however, been made during the year past. The bridge over Bond's brook, near the house of Mr. Nutting, having been injured by the January freshet has been partially repaired. Additional repairs will be required on this bridge. A drain and sidewalk have been made on Western street, the residents upon that street having contributed a portion of the amount expended therefor.

POLICE.

The prompt enforcement of the laws is enjoined by the ordinances of the city and demanded by the citizens. A well regulated and efficient police department is therefore indispensable. Upon it the people rely for the maintenance of good order, and for the prevention and detection of crime. The character of its members should therefore be above suspicion. I believe the duties of this department have been performed in a most satis-

factory manner during the past year. The Chief of Police, especially, is entitled to our thanks for his promptness and fidelity, and for the fearless and impartial discharge of his immediate duties.

MILITARY.

The efficient military company recently organized in this city, is commended to your consideration and fostering care. The experience of the past few years has shown the necessity of military training. The officers and many of the members of this company having served their country with honor and credit in the late war, may justly claim our confidence and respect in times of peace.

CITY LAND.

By order of the last Council the land belonging to the city on the west side of Dickman street, has been divided into house lots,—a plan thereof made by the City Engineer, and each lot appraised by the assessors. These lots are now offered for sale.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

This department is under good discipline, and in a highly satisfactory condition. Although we have been particularly fortunate in our exemption from the ravages of fire for the past year, our previous experience reminds us of the necessity of an efficient Fire Department, and an ample supply of water.

RESERVOIRS.

Two reservoirs are recommended by the Chief Engineer, one to be located near the Cushnoc House, where an additional supply of water, ~~readily accessible, is much~~

needed; and the other in the vicinity of the Farmers' Hotel.

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL HOUSES.

The erection of the expensive and commodious building designed for the use of the High and Grammar schools in the Village District, was commenced in the spring of 1869, and will be completed in season for the fall term of the present year. The rooms assigned to the High School will probably be ready for use in June next.

The High School, under the instruction of the efficient, experienced, and successful Principal and his able assistants, may justly be regarded as a model school. I learn that some of the other schools in this district, having been frequently interrupted, are not entitled to any special commendation for general proficiency in the studies pursued during the past year.

A new school-house has recently been erected in District No. 14, and the school-house in District No. 20 has been thoroughly repaired. The report of the Superintending School Committee will furnish all necessary information relating to the schools under their supervision.

ALMS HOUSE.

The whole number of paupers who have received support in the Alms House during the past year is 40; and the average number about 25. Occasional aid has also been furnished to 153 persons who have never been inmates, exclusive of those supported at the Insane Hospital, at an expense to the city of \$1,123.49. The amount expended for repairs and furniture for the house, and ~~neat stock and farming~~ utensils purchased

for the City Farm is about \$585. About 50 rods of stone wall were built and fifty apple trees set out on the farm last year. This farm is in good condition and well supplied with farming utensils.

I desire in closing, to assure my fellow citizens of my appreciation of their continued confidence.

It is gratifying to know that so large a proportion of the members of the City Council are, from long experience, thoroughly conversant with the duties devolving upon them, and that I can rely upon them for all necessary aid in the execution of the responsible trusts specially confided to me.

SAMUEL TITCOMB.

CITY GOVERNMENT.

1870-71.

MAYOR,
SAMUEL TITCOMB.

S. P. PLUMMER, CITY CLERK.

ALDERMEN :

WARD 1.—M. M. Swan.	WARD 4.—G. W. Perry.
2.—Joseph Baker.	5.—A. B. Hodgkins.
3.—John W. Chase.	6.—Amos Wilder.
WARD 7.—J. M. Cross.	

COMMON COUNCIL :

GEORGE E. WEEKS, PRESIDENT.

LEVI PAGE, CLERK.

MEMBERS :

WARD 1.—Elisha Atkins, Jas. A. Bicknell, Geo. E. Weeks.	WARD 4.—Elkana Miller, James N. Wade, Asa D. Townsend.
WARD 2.—Russell Eaton, Joseph Anthony, N. W. Cole.	WARD 5.—Wm. M. Clark, F. H. Chadwick, Daniel A. Cony.
WARD 4.—H. L. Cushing, Dearborn Longfellow, A. F. Emery.	WARD 6.—Greenleaf Barrows, Elijah McFarland, J. A. Chadwick.
WARD 7.—J. H. Dudley, R. B. Worthley, Levi Ward.	

HILTON W. TRUE, MUNICIPAL JUDGE.

Treasurer and Collector—Thomas Little.

City Marshal—Frank L. Farrington.

City Solicitor—Wm. P. Whitehouse.

City Auditor—Samuel W. Lane.

City Physician—W. S. Hill.

Assessors—J. W. Patterson, J. S. Turner, Sumner Barton.

Overseers of the Poor—Thos. Fuller, P. S. Percival, Henry Craig.

Fire Department, Chief Engineer of—P. O. Vickery.

1st Ass't do., Daniel Herrin.

2d Ass't do., Hiram Ellis.

Health Committee—F. L. Farrington, J. W. Toward, W. S. Hill.

Fish Committee—Chas. G. Atkins, P. H. Holmes, F. Barker.

Fence Viewers—Eben Packard, Charles Hamlen, J. Bean, John Arnold, John W. Hussey, O. C. Whitehouse, Albert Bolton, Benj. Spaulding, G. W. Dudley, E. M. Libby, Geo. M. Pullen.

Viewers and Cullers of Hoops and Staves—Freeman Barker, Reuben Smith, Ezra Emery.

Persons to make complaint against truant children—F. L. Farrington, Levi Hicks, G. B. Hoyt, J. B. Dyer, Benj. Gardiner, S. S. Brooks, W. H. Libby, Harrison Baker, W. F. Hallett, Edmund W. Getchell.

Surveyors of Lumber—C. B. Johnson, Thos. M. Baker, Geo. Cowee, Abner Coombs, Ira H. Randall, G. C. Bartlett, D. Waldron, J. C. Webber, J. M. Longfellow, Daniel Foster, Sam'l Hodgkins, Hiram Sawtelle, V. T. Sanborn, James Atkins, J. E. Chase, J. W. Lawson, D. W. Mosher, J. P. Wyman, E. F. Wyman, Reuben McKenney, Jacob Hanks, L. D. Mosher.

Surveyors of Wood and Bark—Thos. Baker, Reuben McKenney, J. B. Dyer, J. A. Pettengill, A. Sawtelle, M. P. Faught, Abner Coombs, H. S. Osgood, John M. Webster, B. C. Robinson, Osgood Carleton, P. S. Percival, Benj. Gardiner, F. W. Brann, Lewis Selbing, John E. Chase, S. Holmes, C. B. Johnson, John N. Parker, T. A. Saunders, J. W. Phinney, T. E. Bartlett, J. J. Fuller, Andrew Ward, John Jewett, A. H. Small, V. D. Pinkham, Edward Kimball, Chas. Bailey, L. Hill, John Dulon, J. W. Taylor, Hiram Sawtelle, Levi Page, Baker Weston.

Tythingmen—C. H. Hamlen, J. D. Pierce, O. C. Whitehouse, W. M. Thayer, Howard Pettengill, F. H. Tibbetts, G. B. Hoyt, W. S. Badger, Lewis Selbing, Ai Staples, E. Howard, Levi Page, L. W. Lithgow, G. W. Jones.

City Engineer—J. W. Patterson.

Sealers of Leather—Jas. Flagg, A. D. Locke, E. Haskell, Wm. B. Hunt, John Lawrence, G. F. Hawes, A. J. Reynolds, John W. Cross, C. E. Collier, O. Parker.

Police—B. Gardiner, W. H. Smith, C. L. White, A. McCausland, E. W. Getchell, H. F. Rockwood, J. B. Allen, C. H. Whipple, C. H. White, F. O. Ward, F. S. Severance, Wilber Percival.

Street Commissioner, Western District—Loton Griffith.

“ “ *Eastern District*—John E. Ward.

Superintendent of Burying Grounds—Eben Sawyer.

Superintending School Committee—C. F. Penney, Samuel Upjohn, David Cargill.

Pound Keepers—Geo. R. Porter, (west side); J. F. Stevens, (east side.)

Superintendent of Alms House—Arthur Hall.

WARD OFFICERS.

- Ward 1. Olliver Turner, Warden.
A. L. Smith, Clerk.
David C. Stone, Constable.
- Ward 2. J. S. Turner, Warden.
Clerk.
Edmund W. Getchell, Constable.
- Ward 3. Benjamin S. Gaslin, Warden.
Thos. M. Baker, Clerk.
Chas. C. Stone, Constable.
- Ward 4. Wm. Stone, Warden.
B. S. Farnham, Clerk.
A. A. Nichols, Constable.
- Ward 5. S. H. Parsons, Warden.
J. F. Gannett, Clerk.
W. B. Leighton, Constable.
- Ward 6. J. M. Potter, Warden.
Samuel Gill, Clerk,
Benj. Gardiner, Constable.
- Ward 7. Wm. H. Smith, Warden.
J. H. Wall, Clerk.
Levi Hicks, Constable.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES OF CITY COUNCIL.

ON FINANCE.

Messrs. Baker,	}	Aldermen.
Wilder,		
Messrs. Bicknell,	}	Councilmen.
Emery,		
Cushing,		

ON ACCOUNTS.

Messrs. Chase,	}	Aldermen.
Perry,		
Messrs. Atkins,	}	Councilmen.
Worthly,		
Cony,		

ON BELLS AND CLOCKS.

Messrs. Swan,	}	Aldermen.
Hodgkins,		
Messrs. Cole,	}	Councilmen.
McFarland,		
Dudley,		

ON HIGHWAYS.

Messrs. Perry,	}	Aldermen.
Cross,		
Messrs. Eaton,	}	Councilmen.
Miller,		
F. H. Chadwick,		

ON NEW STREETS.

Messrs. Wilder,	}	Aldermen.
Swan,		
Messrs. Cushing,	}	Councilmen.
Barrows,		
Wade,		

ON BURYING GROUNDS.

Messrs. Hodgkins,	}	Aldermen,
Perry,		
Messrs. Anthony,	}	Councilmen.
Longfellow,		
Ward,		

ON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Messrs. Chase,	}	Aldermen.
Hodgkins,		
Messrs. Cony,	}	Councilmen.
Cole,		
Miller,		

ON SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Messrs. Wilder,	}	Aldermen.
Cross,		
Messrs. Worthly,	}	Councilmen.
Townsend,		
F. H. Chadwick,		

ON PRINTING.

Messrs. Hodgkins,	}	Aldermen.
Swan,		
Messrs. Bicknell,	}	Councilmen.
Clark,		
Emery,		

ON ENROLLED ORDINANCES.

Messrs. Baker,	}	Aldermen.
Perry,		
Messrs. Barrows,	}	Councilmen.
Clark,		
Dudley,		

ON CITY BUILDINGS AND LANDS.

Messrs. Cross,	}	Aldermen.
Chase,		
Messrs. Clark,	}	Councilmen.
McFarland,		
Atkins,		

ON POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Messrs. Swan,	}	Aldermen.
Cross,		
Messrs. Cony,	}	Councilmen.
Atkins,		
J. A. Chadwick,		

Standing Committee of Board of Aldermen.

ON STATE PENSIONS.

Messrs. Chase,
Swan.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee

OF THE

CITY OF AUGUSTA,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 19th, 1870.



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REPORT.

*To the Honorable the Mayor, Aldermen and
Common Council of the City of Augusta :*

The Superintending School Committee submit their Annual Report for the year ending March 19, 1870, as follows :

Amount appropriated by the City for the support of schools,	\$7,609 00
Amount received from the State,	171 27
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	7,780 27

The Village District raised an additional sum of \$6,688.50, making the whole amount of money raised for school purposes in the City, \$14,468.77. Of this sum only \$4,160.13 was expended for the support of schools, under the supervision of your Committee, the balance and larger sum, (\$10,308.64,) being expended by the Directors of the Village District.

The sum of \$219.82 was divided among the smaller Districts, the balance, \$7,560.45, was divided per capita, being \$3.17 per scholar.

The following table exhibits the manner in which the money was apportioned :

EXHIBIT OF MANNER OF APPORTIONMENT.

Districts.	Names of Agents.	No. of Scholars.	Extra to Smaller Districts.	Per capita division ; \$3.17 to a Scholar.	Total.
Village,		1142		\$3,620.14	\$3,620.14
No. 1,	Levi Hicks,	99		313.83	313.83
2,	Patrick Donovan,	53		168.01	168.01
3,	David Dunn,	50		158.50	158.50
4,	Charles O. Cony,	42	\$10.00	133.14	143.14
7,	L. L. Robbins,	12	25.00	38.04	63.04
8,	S. S. Holmes,	55		174.35	174.35
10,	Henry O. Nichols,	56		177.52	177.52
11,	Zacheus Johnson,	32	20.00	101.44	121.44
12,		54		171.18	171.18
13,	Samuel Wellman,	17	23.00	53.89	76.89
14,	John W. Cahoon,	46	10.00	145.82	155.82
16,		24	20.00	76.08	96.08
17,	Charles Pratt,	66		209.22	209.22
18,	John O. Curtis,	44		139.48	139.48
19,	Enoch Brown,	30	26.82	95.10	121.92
20,	John M. Pond,	196		621.32	621.32
21,	Simeon Turner,	37	20.00	117.29	137.29
22,	John Jewett,	41		129.97	129.97
23,	Wm. E. Lowell,	27	30.00	85.59	115.59
24,	Wm. F. Peva.	27	20.00	85.59	105.59
25,	D. W. Whitney,	5		15.85	15.85
26,	Wm. W. Smith,	193		611.81	611.81
27,	Joseph W. Wall,	37	15.00	117.29	132.29
	Total,	2385	\$219.82	\$7,560.45	\$7,780.27

The following account exhibits the expenditures of the several Districts the past year, for school purposes, with the balances to their credit, according to the books of the City Treasurer:

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

	Cr.	Drawn.	Undrawn.
No. 1,	\$332 27	\$118 24	\$214 03
2,	184 50	111 49	73 01
3,	158 50	156 60	1 90
4,	143 14	127 87	15 27
7,	66 11	51 20	14 91
8,	191 45	167 97	23 48
10,	180 52	171 93	8 59
11,	141 12	141 04	08
12,	177 12	134 12	43 00
13,	80 35	76 19	4 16
14,	157 36	127 38	29 98
16,	111 56	95 90	15 66
17,	211 97	193 40	18 56
18,	140 41	131 20	9 21
19,	121 92	121 92	—
20,	658 34	600 62	57 72
21,	140 03	125 58	14 45
22,	130 06	128 97	1 09
23,	141 51	135 11	6 40
24,	107 06	104 94	2 12
25,	48 16	19 00	29 16
26,	636 44	470 80	165 64
27,	137 17	120 33	16 84
	<u>\$4,397 07</u>	<u>\$3,631 81</u>	<u>\$765 26</u>
Village Dist.,	13,334 44	10,987 98	2,346 46
	<u>\$17,731 51</u>	<u>\$14,619 79</u>	<u>\$3,111 72</u>

City's account with School Districts on account of building and repairs of School-Houses:

Districts.	Cr.	Drawn.	Undrawn.	Overdrawn.
No. 10,	\$8 74	\$9 81	—	\$1 07
11,	—	2 31	—	2 31
14,	464 67	412 00	52 67	—
16,	46 17	45 70	47	—
17,	280 93	270 22	10 71	—
19,	3 42	2 00	1 42	—
20,	526 35	571 15	—	44 80
	<u>\$1,330 28</u>	<u>\$1,313 19</u>	<u>\$65 27</u>	<u>\$48 18</u>

The following tables give the names of the several teachers employed in the summer and winter terms, length of schools, number of scholars, &c.:

SUMMER TERMS—1869.

Districts.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	School com- menced.	School closed.	Length of School in days.	No. Scholars Registered.	Average.	Wages per Week, exclud- ing Board.	Price of Board per Week.	
No. 1	Miss Emma Chadwick,	May 27	Aug. 6	66	50	40	\$3.50	\$2.75	
2	" Sarah E. White,	June 7	Aug. 13	55	27	25	3.50	1.25	
3	" Julia E. Ballard,	May 17	July 10	44	26	22	*4.50		
4	" Lizzie P. Howard,	June 14	July 30	35	14	11	2.50	2.50	
8	" Miss Ella A. Berry,	June 7	July 31	43	27	19	3.50	2.25	
10	" Augusta C. Woodward,	Aug. 16	Oct. 8	43	34	26	4.00	2.25	
11	" Minna Perry,	May 3	July 3	49	17	12	2.50	1.50	
12	" Ella S. Pullen,	May 31	Aug. 12	37	25		*5.00		
13	" Cora E. Merrill,	May 17	June 30	38	1-2	13	9	2.00	1.45
14	" Abbie Willey,	May 3	July 3	50	21	18	2.00	1.95	
16	" Ella J. Pierce,	May 17	July 9	44	11	10	2.00	1.50	
17	" Sarah L. Snell,	May 6	July 16	61	45	35	4.00	2.17	
18	" Ella A. Lowell,	Aug. 9	Oct. 2	44	18	12	2.00		
19	" Lizzie S. Pierce,	June 7	July 31	44	16	13	3.00	2.50	
20	" Hattie A. Bolton,	May 17	Aug. 7	60	33	17	5.00	3.00	
"	" Matilda Taylor,	May 17	Aug. 7	60	47	37	5.25	2.75	
21	" Tamsin L. Knight,	June 9	July 23	37	13	8	3.00	2.00	
22	" Helen T. Prescott,	June 9	Aug. 6	49	29	22	3.00	2.00	
23	" Adelia N. H. Gardiner,	May 18	July 8	44	19	17	3.00	†	
24	" Annabel Clark,	May 3	July 2	49	17	12	3.00	2.00	
"	" Same	Aug. 9	Sept. 24	33	19	12	3.00	2.00	
25	" Ida M. Springer,	June 7	July 17	33	10	5	1.50	1.50	
26	" Sarah Gill,	May 10	July 10	45	30	24	*4.00		
"	" Fannie S. Waite,	May 3	July 9		30	24	5.25	3.00	
"	" Nellie W. Sears,	Aug. 16	Oct. 22	50	54	48	5.50	3.00	
27	" Bertha Gray,	May 18	July 9	40	21	18	3.25	2.00	

* Including Board.

† Board gratis.

WINTER TERMS—1869-70.

Districts.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	School commenced.	School closed.	Length of Schools in Days.	No. of Scholars Registered.	Average attendance.	No. of Scholars in Winter not in Summer Schools.	Wages per Week excluding Board.	Price of Board per Week.
Nos.									
1	Miss Anna M. Chadwick,	Nov. 29	Mar. 25	75	54	45	7	\$ 5.00	\$2.75
2	" Abby A. Packard,	Dec. 6	Feb. 18	55	40	37	18	5.25	2.75
3	" Lizzie E. Packard,	Dec. 6	Feb. 25	60	33	25	9	4.50	2.50
4	" Novella J. Trott,	Dec. 6	Mar. 8	65	22	17	11	5.00	2.40
7	Mrs. Lydia R. Humphrey,								
8	Mr. Cyrus F. Stilson,	Dec. 7	Feb. 10	55	34	26	15	*28.00	2.75
10	" L. L. Warren,	Dec. 8	Feb. 5	54	40	31	17	*25.00	3.50
11	Miss Josie Knowles,	Oct. 11	Feb. 11	88	22	15	5	3.50	1.50
12	" Carrie A. Cargill,	Dec. 6	Feb. 11	50	32	29	5	15.00	
13	" Geneviva Varney,								
14	Mr. Cyrus R. Green,	Dec. 13	Mar. 4	65	32	26	15	*28.00	237 1-2
16	Miss Ellen M. Dickey,	Nov. 29	Feb. 18	66	20	19	13	5.00	
17	Mr. Chas. A. Stilson,	Jan. 3	Mar. 11	55	44	39	7	*35.00	3.25
18	" F. M. Hallowell,	Dec. 6	Feb. 11	54	14	12	2	*20.00	3.00
19	Miss Lizzie S. Pierce,	Oct. 9	Dec. 16	55	15	12	3	3.00	2.50
20	Miss Maria Pond,	Dec. 6	Feb. 8	45	52	35	7	8.00	2.75
"	Mr. N. Millett,	Dec. 6	Jan. 27	40	50	35	4	*60.00	4.00
21	Miss Eliza Melvin,	Dec. 6	Mar. 12	77	13	9		3.50	1.50
22	" Clara J. Dunn,	Dec. 6	Feb. 4	49	29	21	8	5.00	2.00
23	" Adelia N. H. Gardiner,	Oct. 25	Dec. 31	55	19	17		5.00	2.50
24	" Ella J. Pierce,	Jan. 17	Feb. 28	33	14	14	5	12.00	2.00
"	" Nellie W. Sears,	Nov. 8	Mar. 18	85	46	40	12	9.00	3.00
27	" Novella J. Trott,	Sept. 13	Dec. 4	60	28	19	7	3.00	2.50

* Wages of male teachers per month, excluding board.

† Wages, including board.

Number of children registered in Summer Schools,	768
Average number attending Summer Schools,	521
Number registered in Winter Schools,	680
Average number attending Winter Schools,	522
Number in Winter Schools who did not attend in Summer,	160
Number of Male Teachers employed in Winter,	6
“ Female Teachers employed in Summer,	25
“ “ “ “ Winter .	16
Average wages of Male Teachers per month, excluding board,	\$32 66
“ “ Female Teachers per week, excluding board,	3 86
Average cost of Teachers' board per week,	2 14

We would call the attention of the City Council to the laws passed by the last Legislature, (1870,) relating to Schools, which will be found in the appendix, and especially would we ask the attention of school agents to the provisions of chapter 159, relating to the employment of teachers. From the numerous enquiries which have been made of your Committee since the law was enacted, it seems that many very erroneous impressions exist in regard to it. Some have the idea that the office of school agent is abolished, and that all the rights and powers of school districts have been taken away; that it is unnecessary to call district meetings or elect agents, &c. This is all wrong. The only change made is that the *Committee employ the teachers*. All the *other duties* of school agents remain as before, and those “*other duties*” are not of an unimportant character. If the agent feels an interest in his school he will not regard his office as a menial one.

This additional task imposed by law upon your committee, is not one of their seeking. It is no light task to select for the twenty-three districts in this City as many teachers, all of whom would be acceptable or successful. And yet with these communities, in case

their school shall not prove so successful as desirable, consider that the Committee may not be culpably at fault, that agents have not always employed the *best* teachers, and that a failure to have a good school is not entirely a *new* thing with them, chargeable only to the change in the method of employing teachers?

Your Committee are desirous of subserving the best interests of the schools especially in this matter of selecting teachers, as in all other regards ; of consulting the wishes of the several districts, so far as possible, and of avoiding any course of action which might lead to the impression that favoritism, or lack of interest had any influence whatever in the choice of a teacher in any particular case, and to this end your Committee urgently request the advice and co-operation of all who feel an interest in our schools.

CONDITION OF THE SCHOOLS.

Your Committee have not deemed it best in this Report to notice each individual school, or to discuss the merits or demerits of each individual teacher. The schools, generally, during the year have attained about the ordinary degree of success ; although with few exceptions that success is far below a satisfactory standard.

There have been no absolute failures, for it is to be hoped that in every school some good has been accomplished, yet in some instances the examinations have shown that the schools have been of comparatively little value.

Few complaints of any kind have reached us during the year from agents, ~~parents or teachers~~. No teacher

has been dismissed by us, nor have any difficulties arisen that have been reported to us, which we felt called for any decided interference on our part. This fact is of rare occurrence in the history of the schools of this city.

The Schools deserving of special mention are those in districts Nos. 26, Miss Waite, teacher of the summer term; No. 23, Miss Gardiner; No. 10, Miss Woodward; No. 27 and 4, fall and winter terms taught by Miss Trott; No. 26, fall and winter terms taught by Miss Sears; No. 22, Miss Dunn, and No. 1, Miss Chadwick.

There are other schools, we are confident, upon which much faithful and patient labor has been bestowed, but the examinations did not show the thoroughness, the interest, and in some cases, enthusiasm, which was manifest in the schools we have mentioned. Your Committee are obliged to report the condition of the schools as they find them. It is the result of the labor bestowed which the examination discloses. And doubtless many an earnest, hard-working teacher, for reasons quite beyond his control, makes but a poor show on the day of examination, who, under other circumstances, and with better *material*, would achieve a complete success.

In many of the schools the want of thoroughness in almost every branch of instruction, has been painfully apparent. In reading, for example, scholars were found puzzling over the difficult sentences and hard words in the Fourth and Fifth Readers, who should have been found in the Third Reader; and hence continually subject to that discouragement which is ever the result

of reading lessons too hard for the pupils. Added to this, in some schools, was a general practice of the teacher's pronouncing every word at which the scholar hesitated—and this, in some instances, was nearly half the words in the lesson—the pupil pronouncing it after the teacher, and then leaving it. This is no better than passing over such words entirely, permitting the scholar to pronounce such words as he can master himself, and to omit the rest. It is obvious that the child must learn these words, one by one, and this he cannot do, unless he is made to spell them out by their letters, and divide them into syllables.

Your Committee have found it very difficult to remedy this evil, for the pupil, having obtained his Fourth and Fifth Reader, and found his way into classes in advance of his attainments, makes, together with his parents, who are often too ready to encourage his weak ambition, the most serious opposition to being put back. In other branches of study we have found the same evil existing, the recitations too often betraying a want of knowledge of fundamental principles—thoroughness being sacrificed for the sake of hasty advancement. This fault, which is one of no trifling magnitude, lies not at the door of the pupil or parent alone. Teachers are very seriously implicated in it. They too often fall in with the desire of parent and pupil to advance rapidly, and seek to accomplish too much by advancing their scholars from book to book, and from branch to branch of study, without waiting for the one to be sufficiently understood before the other is taken up.

The giving of long lessons, and the neglecting of

oral instruction, are parts of this system. The classes go over more pages during the term, but at its close have not really learned as much as they would have done had the teacher given short lessons, required those to be thoroughly committed, and accompanied them with such remarks and explanations as were needed to enable the pupil to comprehend them, and appreciate the importance of learning them. The lesson is not mastered when the members of a class miscall the words, hesitate, look blank, and, as a last expedient, resort to guessing ; nor is it mastered when, if unable to quote the precise words of the text-book, they become confused, and find it difficult to proceed with the recitation.

But while short lessons, well committed and understood, will insure actual, and in the end rapid progress, it is not to be overlooked that there is danger of drilling the child too long on one exercise, till it becomes tiresome and uninteresting.

No rules can be given to meet the precise wants of a school in this particular. The judgment of the teacher must be relied upon to provide for each case as it occurs. No teacher need fear that his labors will be undervalued if he adopts the "slow and sure" policy. Children who read correctly and readily, who do not hesitate in their recitations, and answer promptly and intelligently proper questions bearing upon their lessons, will furnish undoubted evidence of industry and right management on the part of their teacher; while those who "have been through the book," but nevertheless show plainly that they are unprepared, when called upon to read or recite, afford strong

grounds for doubting the *faithfulness* or sound judgment of their instructor.

Another evil which has wrought much harm in our schools—and none is more common or serious—is that of irregular attendance. Time is lost, money wasted, teachers annoyed, and schools rendered greatly inefficient, if not utterly worthless, by the constant coming and going of pupils allowed in many of our schools. The effect is injurious to the school at large, and almost ruinous to the scholar indulged. It is a fact, and the statement will be borne out by the experience of every practical teacher in the State, that a scholar who is absent one day in a week, in a term of ten weeks loses one-half the advantages of the school. The practice, too, which many have of being tardy, has a mischievous effect upon our schools. Parents should send their children from home in season, and know whether they go directly to school.

SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Your Committee, in their Reports for the last four or five years, have called attention, in the most emphatic language, to the condition of several school-houses in the city. In several instances good results have followed, and the “old land-marks” have been reconstructed, or new houses erected in their places. The Report of 1868-9 shows \$1,619.28 expended in seven districts for improvements or thorough repairs. The past year a new school-house has been built in district No. 14, at an expense of \$412.00, and \$571.15 has been expended in district No. 20 for repairs and improvements.

We feel in duty bound to call your attention again to the condition of the school-house in district No. 2, which for the last four years has gone on from "bad to worse;" and we earnestly recommend, if the inhabitants of said district still continue indifferent to the duty they owe their children and the city, and refuse to arise and build, that you take such measures as shall secure, at an early day, what has been so long needed, and which, in our judgment, has come at last to be a necessity.

We also call the attention of the inhabitants of districts Nos. 18, 21, 22, and 24, to the condition of their school-houses. Some of these houses need to be rebuilt, and others extensively improved and repaired. Let those who see the necessity of this work, and who feel interested in its accomplishment, bestir themselves and give it their early and earnest attention. Why hold on longer to the old, worn-out, uncomfortable and almost useless buildings which have served out their day? Why educate your children in these comfortless and uninviting structures? Why compel your children to sit on benches so uncomfortable that you would consider the offence a grave one, that should demand on your part so severe a penalty? Why take away their self-respect by compelling their attendance in a room where the open wall and floor furnishes a free passage for the cold winds of winter,—where the walls are battered and disfigured, the ceiling half torn away, the desks mangled and broken, and the old, rusty, dented, disjointed stove funnel hardly performs its duty? The surroundings of your children should be ~~thought~~ upon and looked after, if you wish that

they should appreciate your labors for them. The surroundings of their school days should be of such a character as, at least, to save them from retrogression in things relating to good taste, tidiness and self-respect. But this is not all ; in a good school room, made convenient and comfortable by arrangement, seats, warmth and ventilation, the power of the teacher is multiplied. Discipline is easier, quiet and order are better secured, teaching goes on with less interruption and more directness, the scholars are more attentive, and by these combinations more work is done and more profit gained.

GRADED SCHOOLS.

There are in the city, outside the Village District, but two graded schools. These are in districts Nos. 20 and 26. These schools have two departments, the Primary and Intermediate, the latter including all the grades from the Intermediate to the High School. These schools, furnishing ordinarily but two terms a year, many pupils are now sent to the graded schools in the Village District as tuition scholars. In the Report of last year, it was recommended that districts Nos. 27, 1, 20, 26 and 21 be consolidated into one district, and that a system of graded schools, similar to those in the Village District, be maintained. We call the attention of the inhabitants of these districts again to this recommendation, the importance of which is becoming each year more apparent. At a comparatively small cost, schools of the grade of the Primary, Intermediate and Grammar, could be maintained through the year. The additional ~~tax~~ necessary to sustain

these schools, is not to be compared with advantage secured to the children of these districts, many of whom now spend but a few weeks of the year in the school room, and others, as would seem by the registers returned, absenting themselves entirely. The districts indicated contain at least one-third of the scholars included in this Report.

CONCLUSION.

In reviewing the labors of the past year, your Committee can only say, that they have sought to promote the best interests of the schools, and, under all the circumstances, have done what they could. Nearly all the schools under our supervision are in the rural and sparsely settled portions of the town, where the graded system cannot be introduced, and where instruction is continued only a small portion of the year, consequently few of the modern improvements are enjoyed. Under the arrangement heretofore pursued, we have been compelled in most instances to approbate, and do the best we could with such teachers as have been employed by the respective agents.

These facts, together with the irregularity and inattention on the part of scholars, and the general indifference on the part of parents, renders it impossible to give anything like perfection to our common schools. Still we are deeply impressed with their importance to the welfare of the community, and believe that too much attention cannot be paid to them. Without the possibility of reaching the high standard which we could desire, we must come as near to it as practicable. To accomplish this, there must be a cheerful co-opera-

tion on the part of all concerned—the School Committee, parents, teachers and scholars, working together in harmony.

Your Committee would recommend such a connection with the Village District, which is now a separate and independent organization, that the reports of all the schools in the city may be published together. Under the present arrangement, our report, which goes forth to the world as the report of the Augusta schools, exhibits less than half of the educational interests of our city. The change contemplated would furnish a report creditable to the city, and just to all concerned.

SAMUEL W. LANE, } *Sup. School*
SAMUEL UPJOHN, } *Committee*
C. F. PENNEY, } *of Augusta.*

APPENDIX.

PENAL PROVISIONS AFFECTING SCHOOLS.

(Extract from Revised Statutes, Chap. 11.)

SECT. 71. If any person, whether he is a scholar or not, enters any school-house or any other place of instruction during or out of school hours, while the teacher or any pupil is there, and wilfully interrupts or disturbs the teacher or pupils by loud speaking, rude or indecent behavior, signs or gestures; or wilfully interrupts a school by prowling about the building, making noises, throwing missels at the school-house, or in any way disturbing the school, he shall forfeit not less than two, nor more than twenty dollars, to be recovered as aforesaid, or by complaint before a justice of the peace.*

SECT. 72. If a minor injures or aids in injuring any school-house, out-buildings, utensils or appurtenances belonging thereto; defaces the walls, benches, seats or other parts of said building, by marks, cuts, or otherwise; or injures or destroys any property belonging to a school district, such district by its agent or committee, may recover of its parent or guardian, in an action of debt, double the amount of damages occasioned thereby.

CITY ORDINANCE.

CHAPTER XVIII.—TRUENT CHILDREN.

SECTION 1. Any child between the ages of six and seventeen years, without regular and lawful occupation, and growing up in ignorance, who shall, when able to attend school, be absent therefrom

* If one over twenty-one years of age voluntarily attends a town school, and is received as a scholar by the instructor, he has the same rights and duties, and is under the same restrictions and liabilities, as if under that age.—*Stevens vs. Fasset* 27 Me. 266. When a scholar in school hours intrudes himself into the instructor's desk, and refuses to leave it on the request of the instructor, such scholar may be lawfully removed by the instructor. And for that purpose, he may immediately use such force, and call to his assistance such aid from any other person, as is necessary to accomplish the object, without the direction or knowledge of the Superintending School Committee.—*Ib.* The stat., 1850, chap. 193, art. 10, sect. 13, (containing the provisions of sect. 71, above,) for the protection of schools, is applicable to private schools ~~as well as to those established and in operation for instruction in the art of writing.~~—*State vs. Leighton* 35 Me. 195.

for at least half the time during any twelve successive days, while school is kept, shall be liable to a penalty of two dollars; and if absent the whole of said twelve days, to a penalty of five dollars.

SECT. 2. If any such children shall become habitual truants, by unnecessarily absenting themselves from school, and shall after being notified to attend school by one of the Board of Directors for the Village District, (if said children shall belong to said district,) or by one of the Superintending School Committee of said city, (if they shall not,) or by the teacher of the school to which they belong, unnecessarily absent themselves therefrom for more than one day within the succeeding twelve days, they shall pay a fine of five dollars each.

SECT. 3. The house on the City Farm of said city shall be the House of Reformation, and the Judge of the Municipal Court, the judicial officer, under the sixteenth section of the first article of the "act to provide for the education of youth," approved August 27, 1850.

SECT. 4. The Superintendent of said City Farm shall receive such children as may be sent to said House of Reformation, and shall keep them diligently employed during the term for which they may be sent there.

Chapter 159.

An Act to amend chapter eleven of the revised statutes relating to the employment of teachers.

Section 1. Sections ten, forty-eight, fifty-four and fifty-five of the eleventh chapter of the revised statutes, and the items or specifications marked "second" and "fourth" of the fifty-third section of the same chapter are hereby repealed.

Section 2. The eleventh section of the same chapter is amended so as to read as follows:

Section 11. Any town failing to elect members of superintending school committee or supervisor, as required by law, shall forfeit not less than thirty nor more than two hundred dollars.

Section 3. The fifth specification or item of section twenty-two of the same chapter is amended so as to read as follows:

Fifth. To instruct the superintending school committee or su-

pervisor at what time the schools shall commence, if they find it practicable.

Section 4. The thirty-first section of the same chapter is amended so as to read as follows :

Section 31. A school district at a legal meeting may determine what proportion of their school money shall be expended for the support of a summer school, and the superintending school committee or supervisor shall expend it accordingly, if practicable.

Section 5. The first item or specification of section forty-nine of the same chapter is amended so as to read as follows :

First. They shall appoint suitable times and places for the examination of candidates proposing to teach in town and give notice thereof by posting the same in two or more public places within the town at least three weeks before the time of said examination, or the publication for a like length of time of said notice in one or more of the county newspapers having the largest circulation in the county. They shall employ teachers for the several districts in the town and notify the several school agents of the teachers employed and the compensation agreed to be paid.

Section 6. The eleventh item or specification of section forty-nine of the same chapter is amended so as to read as follows :

Eleventh. Determine what description of scholars shall attend each school, classify them, and transfer them from school to school in districts where more than one school is kept at the same time and no district committee is elected, and may authorize the admission of scholars in one district into the schools of another district.

Section 7. The third item or specification of section fifty-three of the same chapter is amended so as to read as follows :

Third. To provide fuel and utensils necessary for the schools, and make repairs upon the school-houses and out-buildings and procure insurance of the same if the district so direct ; but no more than one-tenth of the money apportioned to the district shall be expended for such repairs in one year, exclusive of fuel and insurance.

Section 8. The fourth item or specification of section fifty-three of the same chapter shall read as follows :

Fourth. He shall, within the year for which he is chosen, perform all the duties required of him by law, and if he refuses or neglects so to do, as far as practicable, the municipal officers, on com-

plaint of any inhabitant of the district, and after due notice and investigation, may appoint a special agent to discharge such duties, who shall be duly sworn, have all the powers and perform all the duties of school agent for the district.

Section 9. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect when approved.

[Approved March 22d.]

An Act establishing the school week and month.

SECT. 1. In the absence of any agreement to the contrary, five and one-half days shall constitute the school week, and four weeks shall constitute a school month.

An Act to amend the twenty-second section of the eleventh chapter of the revised statutes, relating to powers and obligations of school districts.

SECT. 1. The twenty-second section of the eleventh chapter of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by adding the following item after the fifth item in said section, viz :

‘Sixth, To allow the school-house to be used for meetings of religious worship, lectures and other similar purposes.’

An act to authorize towns to provide books for the use of pupils in the public schools.

SECT. 1. Towns, cities and plantations, are hereby empowered to raise money to provide school books for the use of the pupils in their public schools, at the expense of said town, city or plantation, or to furnish them at cost to the pupils ; and all money raised and appropriated for that purpose, shall be assessed in the same manner as that in which other moneys raised for lawful purposes are assessed.

SECT. 2. Whenever the superintending school committee shall have made a selection of school books as required by law, they are hereby authorized under the provisions of the preceding section to contract with the publishers for the purchase and delivery of the same, and shall make such rules as ~~they may deem reasonable~~ and

effectual for the preservation and return of the school books thus provided ; or if kept for sale, shall regulate the same, by appointing some suitable person as agent to have and to sell, and the retail price shall be fixed by them and marked upon the title page of each book.

An Act to amend sections one and three, chapter eleven, of the revised statutes, relating to school districts.

SECT. 1. Section one, chapter eleven of the revised statutes, is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

SECT. 1. A town, at its annual meeting, or at a meeting called for that purpose, may determine the number and limits of the school districts therein, but they shall not be altered, discontinued or annexed to others, except on the written recommendation of the municipal officers and superintending school committee, accompanied by a statement of facts, and on conditions proper to preserve the rights and obligations of the inhabitants.

SECT. 2. Section three is hereby repealed, and the following section substituted therefor :

SECT. 3. A town may abolish the school districts therein, and shall thereupon forthwith take possession of all the school houses, land, apparatus and other property owned and used for school purposes which districts might lawfully sell and convey. The property so taken shall be appraised under the direction of the town, and at the next annual assessment thereafter a tax shall be levied upon the whole town equal to the whole amount of said appraisal ; and there shall be remitted to the tax payers of each district the said appraised value of its property thus taken, or the difference in the value of the property of the several districts may be adjusted in any other manner agreed upon by the parties in interest. Upon the abolition or discontinuance of any district, its corporate powers and liabilities shall continue and remain, so far as may be necessary for the enforcement of its rights and duties.

An Act to amend section eight of chapter eleven of the revised statutes relating to supervision of schools.

Section 1. Section eight of chapter eleven of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding the following words, namely : 'or shall

in the same manner choose a supervisor of schools, who shall have the power and perform the duties which are now or may hereafter be required of the committee aforesaid : and his election shall terminate the office of any and all existing members thereof.' So that said section shall read as follows.

Section 8. Every town shall choose by ballot at its annual meeting, a superintending school committee of three, unless already done, to hold office as provided in section forty-seven, and shall fill vacancies arising therein at each subsequent annual meeting, except as provided in the two following sections, or shall, in the same manner, choose a supervisor of schools, who shall have the power and perform the duties which are now, or may hereafter be required of the committee aforesaid ; and his election shall terminate the office of any and all existing members of such committee.

TEXT BOOKS.

The Committee authorize the use of the following text books in the schools under their charge :

Reading Books—Bible ; Wilson's Series of Readers.

Spellers—Wilson's, (adopted for five years from Jan. 1, 1870.)

Dictionaries—Webster's or Worcester's.

Geographies—Cornell's, (adopted June, 1868.)

Arithmetics—Greenleaf's New Practical, (adopted Apr., 1867.)

Algebras—Smyth's and Greenleaf's.

Grammars—Quackenbos'.

Philosophy—Quackenbos' Natural.

Chemistry—Youman's.

Writing Books—The Spencerian system, (adopted Mar. 31, 1869.)

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AUGUSTA, March 31, 1870.

NOTICE TO TEACHERS.

The Superintending School Committee of Augusta, will be in session at the

COUNCIL CHAMBER, GRANITE BUILDING,

WEDNESDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF APRIL,

at 2 o'clock P. M., and on each succeeding Wednesday for four weeks, for the purpose of examining teachers for the summer schools. District Agents and others interested are invited to be present.

SAMUEL UPJOHN,
C. F. PENNEY,

AUGUSTA, April 11, 1870.